One-Room Schoolhouses of Perry County (Illinois)

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Perry County Historical Society

Painting of Union School
Artist: P. Huth 2013

Original School Bell from the Brick School, District #51, south of Pinckneyville. The Bell was acquired by the late John & Frieda Loos, then given to their niece and nephew, Jerry & Pat (Ritter) Price, who donated it to the Jail Museum in 2002. The Bell was made by the C. S. Bell & Co., Hillsboro, Ohio. The bell was listed in the 1902 Sears, Roebuck & Co. Catalog, pg. 565, for $2.35. Diameter at mouth 20 inches, 100 pounds, Size, No. 4.

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Dedication

Perry County (Illinois) Historical Society
Dedicates this book to the one room school teachers known living June 17, 2017

On Saturday, June 17, 2017, the Perry County Historical Society honored the one room school teachers at the Fairview Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center with a reception. These teachers represented the many teachers who educated the rural children who attended these one room or two room schools. Some of these teachers also graduated from these one room schools before becoming teachers.

Standing left to right: Lois (Short) Hirsch taught at Shakerag School, Marietta (Shurtz) Axley taught at High Bank School the year after graduating. Seated left to right: Bonita (Winters Knight who taught at Cudgetown School, Irene (Pursell) Dixon who taught at Lower Arm School.

Teachers unable to attend but known to be living June 17, 2017:

Jean (Hallbauer) Campbell taught at Bigham, Denmark, and Union Schools.
Thelma (Jackson) Pettiford taught at the St. John's Colored School.
Helen (Hallbauer) Smith taught at the Jenkins School.
Gertrude Smith taught at the Bigham School.
Carl Lester Birkner taught at the Brush Prairie School, 1949-50.

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Preface

Summary of Early Education History in Perry County (IL) Prior to 1883

Excerpt from the "1883 History of Randolph, Monroe, & Perry Counties, Illinois" by B. G. Roots

The first schools were taught under contracts, signed by both teacher and patrons:

"*Articles of agreement* drawn this 25 day of May, 1833, between Allen Parlier, of Washington County of Illinois, of the one part, and we, the undersigned, of said county and state of the part, witnesseth, that said Parliier, binds himself to teach a school of spelling, reading, writing, and the foregoing rules of arithmetic, for the term of three months, for $2 per scholar, per quarter; said Parlier, further binds himself to keep good order in said school, will teach five days in each week, all due school hours, and will make up all lost time, except muster days, and will set up with twenty scholars, the subscribers to furnish a comfortable house, with all the conveniences appertaining thereup, the school to commence as quick as the house is fixed. N. B.--Wheat, pork, hogs, beeswax, tallow, deer skins, sool and young cattle, all of which will be taken at the market price, delivered at my house, at the expirations of said school day and date above written.

(Subscribers' names) "Allen Parlier"

A description of a comfortable school-house: is furnished by Messrs. Wm. M. Eaton and R. H. Eaton from their early school days. "Our school-house was18x20 feet, built of rounded logs, about 1833.The openings between the logs were closed with pieces of wood, split to the right thickness, and daubed with mud; this was called chinking. At one end was a fireplace, six feet wide for burning wood. The fireplace was made of split logs, which were partially defended from the fire by a big slate stone, and clay. The chimney was built of slats laid in mortar, made by mixing wet clay and straw. On each corner of the chimney at the top was laid a large ball, composed of this mortar. These balls answered both for ornaments and holding the pieces of the chimney in place. On the east side of the upper half of the fourth log, from the bottom, was cut out for 16 feet in length; the lower half of the log was cut in a similar manner; through this opening the light entered the building, except in cold and stormy weather. Above this opening was a long plank or board, suspended by leather hinges, which was lowered down, to close the opening in bad weather. When this opening was closed, some of the scholars saw their books by light that came through crevices in the walls, and others gathered about the fireplace and studied by light coming down the spacious chimney. Parallel with the lower edge of the opening in the wall, was placed a split log, which extended the whole length of the house, and was inserted into the space between the logs on each end. This half log was our writing desk. In some school-houses a long plank, supported by long pins, driven into holes bored in the logs, took the place of the split lot for a writing desk. The seats were made of split logs, with holes bored into their lower side, into which pins, called bench legs,

8 to 20 inches long, were driven. The benches were placed near the walls, leaving the central part of the floor vacant.

On this vacant space, classes stood to recite. There was no floor but the earth. This soon became smooth, so that walking around made little noise. Webster's spelling-book was the only textbook used by the brothers, and one book was considered sufficient for both of them. All that was taught in any of the schools was spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic. After finishing the spelling book, they read as class books, the Testament, Life of Gen. Francis Marion, a Colulmbian orator. Most of the studying was aloud and was heard by anyone passing by.

The paper on which pupils wrote, was not ruled when it was bought. To enable pupils to have it properly ruled, the teacher had a ruler, to which a lead pencil was attached by a string. Each scholar ruled his own paper, and many a rap on the head was given for ruling irregularly.

Our pens were made of goose quills, and one important part of the teacher's qualifications, was their ability to make a good pen. We made our own ink by boiling brier roots, and adding a little copperas. The juice of pokeberries was used for ink, as was a solution of indigo.

All the children of school age walked to school within a radius of three miles to attend, and the number of pupils was sevevteen in their school

Spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, and good manners and morals were all that was taught in most schools In some schools, geography was taught by singing. All the states and their capitals were wrought into a tune and sung.

Corporal punishment was common. The teacher carried a long hazel switch in his hand, and when he saw ten or fifteen boys who sat on one long bench about to go to sleep or engaged in mischief, he tingled their bare feet and shins with his switch. When a boy was guilty of a flagrant violation of rules, he was called to the middle of the floor and received a number of lashes over his shoulders proportioned to his offence. The severest punishments were administered with the "ruler," a piece of wood eighteen inches long one-half or three-fourths of an inch thick, and one and one-half inch wide.

If there were some scholars whose parents could not afford to pay, it was common for an old pioneer who had no children to send to school, to pay something to the teacher in order to have the school kept up.

At the end of the term there was a spelling match between our school and the one nearest to us. It was attended by nearly all the men, women, and children in both districts. The match was decided before noon. Five bushels of apples were distributed among the children. The larger boys and the men present put in most of the remainder of the day in playing ball. Among the players was a M. G Maxwell, who weighed 250 pounds and several gray-haired men

All the spelling was oral, no scholar having a slate until he was ready to "cypher." It took several terms to reach this point. This is a fair specimen of the Perry County primary school from 1830 to 1840.

To describe the interest which the early settlers felt in education is a couple of examples: one in which a chimney, made of sticks and sod, fell down near the close of the school. The teacher sent word by the children, to the men, to come and rebuild it. The next day, every man

in the district was there to help, and the chimney was completed, so that school was stopped but one day; and about 1841, the school-house on Eaton"s prairie was accidentally burned. Another house was built on the same spot by the men in the district, without the expenditure of one cent of money, and the school was started again on the fourth day."

From 1840 to 1950 there was great improvement with schools, a large part of which was owing to improved school law.They continued to improve and will now compare favorably with the public schools in any part of the United States

In 1839 B. G. Roots and his wife opened a boarding-school on their land where he also taught for more than thirty years. The purpose of this school was to offer everything which was required to obtain a first grade teacher's certificate, and several other branches were taught. B. G. Roots also conducted an Institute for one month in August, starting in 1870, the special work of which is to drill teachers

The Hon. Philip C. C. Provart began teaching in 1839 for six years. In 1842 Nelson Holt and his wife commenced teaching up to Mar. 1851. Miss A. F. Holt commenced teaching in 1860 and is still teaching. Samuel Eaton commenced teaching in the common school in 1842, and taught until 1851.

The following is a list of Veteran Teachers in our County prior to 1883: James Preston, Thomas W. Blair, Franklin Campbell, J. R. Cleveland, La Fayette Church. Abel Campbell, David M. Hoge, A. J. Dickenson, John Cooper, Lewis Garret, Sarah Heape (now Mrs. Abner Williams), Thos. Saunders, Obadiah West, Jacob Walker, John S. Haggard, William Baldridge, James Holliday, F. G. Humphreys, Rev. Lysias Heape, Isaac Hale, John B. Eaton, Samuel Y. Hawkins, John S. Williams, John D. Strait, Richard P. Todd, Wm. M. Eaton, Richard A. Hampleman, Benj. F. Hammock, James W. Van Brunt, James W. Blair, James R. Blair, Richard S. Guy, Robt. Rushing, Samuel L. Sibbett, John F. Hanna, J. Hosea Thornton, Josiah Malone, Friend Smith, Solomon McPherson, John V. Tyler, Mrs. Eliza Miller Lipe, Julia C. Eaton West, Sophia B. Ross Tuthill, Mattie K. East, Sadie Harshaw White, Emma Hawkins Ward, Mary Chamberlin Burgess, Frances Thompson McMillen, Misses Laura M. Tuthill, Mary F. Leigh, Emma Wheatley, Dora A. Lipe, Sarah Heape, Mattie Heape (daughters of Rev. Lysias Heape), Mary E. Kelsey, Marianne Milligan, Tillie Hissong, Anna M. Sibbbett, Mary E. Cotter, and Martha McMillin.

Du Quoin Female Seminary was located in Old Du Quoin. It was an important factor in improving the public schools. An eastern teacher, Miss Paine, of South Hadley, Mass, sent out by an Educational Society in answer to an application for a teacher for this locality. She commenced her teaching in the District School-House in June 1852. A second teacher, Miss Reynolds, from Connecticut, opened a private school which became the Seminary, after a charter had been obtained from the Legislature and a Board of Trustees appointed. The corner-stone of this excellent Seminary building was laid June 13, 1855. The purpose of the school was "to train teachers in the field." Teachers' diplomas were given to those that became proficient in the branches required by the school law of this State (IL). The early teachers, as copied from a catalogue, were miss E. Paine, Miss Jane Hunt, Miss J. J. Moulton,

Mrs. E. R. Saunders, Miss H. L. Plimpton, Miss Lizzie A. Dole, Miss Hattie Paine. The seminary passed into private hands in 1872.

First Schools In County Precincts: (Prairie Map follows article):

Pinckneyville 1831-- the 1st school in this precinct was in a log school house near the West side of Four Mile Prairie, at $2.50 per scholar for six months.; 1832--Eliza Smith from Kentucky taught in a small log-school house near Thomas Armstrong's property. June 3, 1833--The sheriff leased the Court-house for school purposes at fifty cents a month, to be paid by the teacher, or by the subscribers to the School Article.

Paradise: The first school in this precinct was taught in 1830 by John S. Haggard. A man named Hagaman taught in another part of the precinct at the same time No building was erected for school purposes previous to 1838. Up to this time schools were taught in the house of the teacher, or in some deserted cabin. The first teacher in the new school-house was R. P. Paramore. Obadiah West was also an early teacher in this precinct.

Du Quoin: The first school in this precinct was taught by Abraham Brayshaw, about 1830, in the west part of Nine Mile Prairie. The first school-house was erected about three and a half miles south of where Du Quoin is, and a Mr. Beneldo was the first who taught in it.

Tamaroa: The Bland school-house, about five miles northeast from Tamaroa, was erected in 1832 or '33, and named after "Grandfather " Bland. First teacher was Jacob Walker, and the second teacher was "Granddaddy" Johnson, who taught in 1834.

Cutler: The first school was taught in Lost Prairie, by Miss E. Tilden. The first school-house was erected in 1835 in the same prairie. John Cooper taught in it during the summer of 1835 About the same date school was taught for a short time in Conant's Prairie, but it could not be kept up.

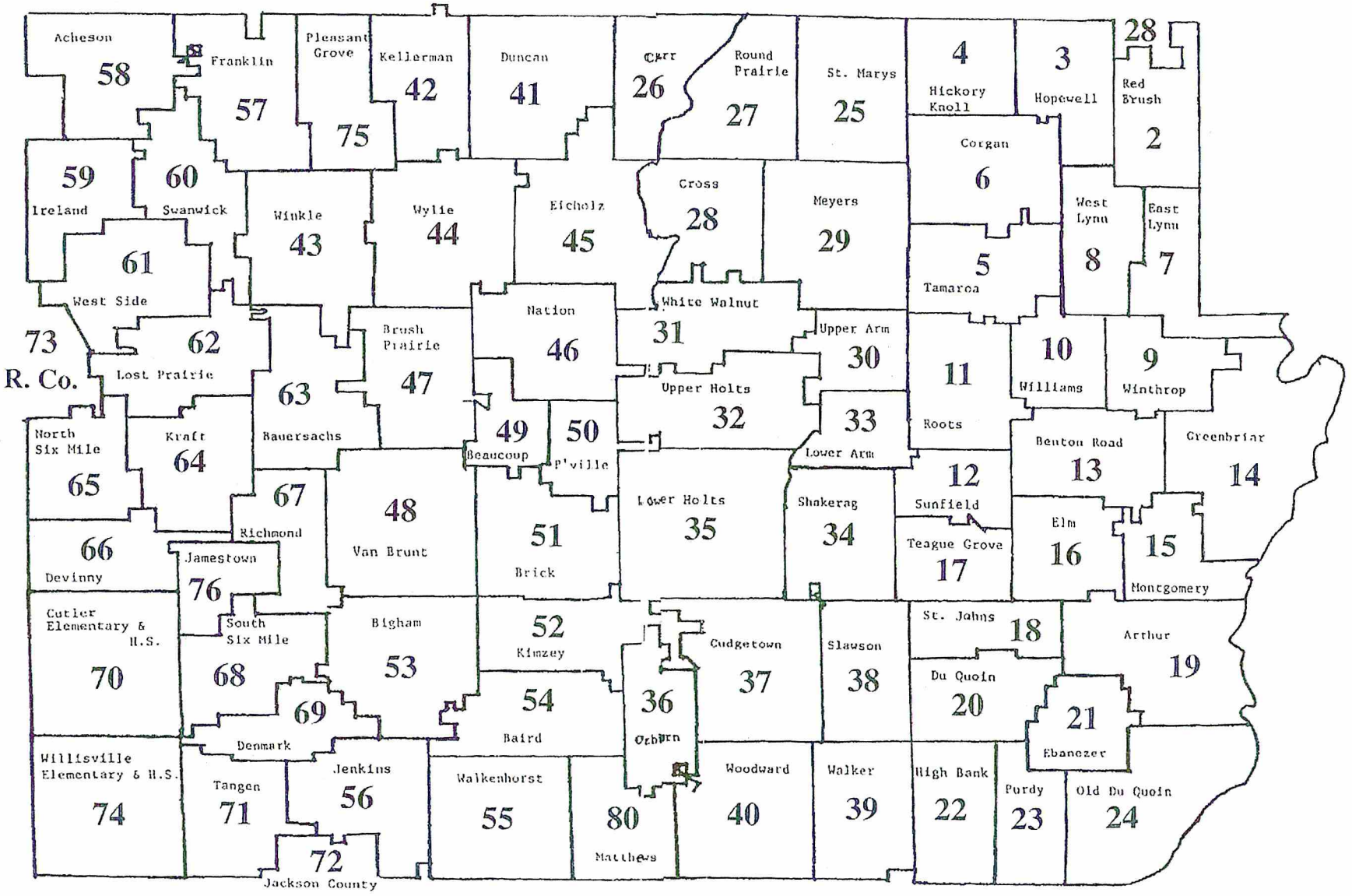
Grand Cote: The first school was taught in a little cabin. The next school was taught by John Fulton, in his kitchen in 1835 or '36.

Beaucoup: The children who resided west of Hutching's Prairie at first attended "Big Rock" school-house in Washington County. Those who lived east of this prairie, attended school in Mud Prairie. The first school-house was erected on Edward Hodge's place, the second on the Truster place in 1850.

Southwestern: Robert Clark taught the first school in 1825 in a little log school-house, erected the same year. Books were also much the same. In some schools, the American Preceptor, Columbian Orator and Pike's Arithmetic were also used."

Rural School Districts of Perry County

(Consolidation was mostly completed by 1965)



This map was developed from J. W. Neville's "Students History of Perry County" and several school lists. Submitted by Lance Feik.

Rural School Districts of Perry County

List of One Room Schools in Perry County 1946

dist. #	school	twp
2	Red Brush	4-1
3	Hopewell	4-1
4	Hickory Knoll	4-1
5	Tamaroa	4-1
6	Corgan	4-1
7	East Lynn	4-1
8	West Lynn	4-1
9	Winthrop	5-1
10	Williams	5-1
11	Roots	5-1
12	Sunfield	5-1
13	Benton Road	5-1
14	Greenbriar	5-1
15	Montgomery	5-1
16	Elm	5-1
17	Teague Grove	5-1
18	St. Johns	6-1
19	Arthur	6-1
20	Du Quoin city schools	6-1
21	Ebanezer	6-1
22	High Bank	6-1
23	Purdy	6-1
24	Old Du Quoin	6-1
25	St. Marys	4-2
26	Carr	4-2
27	Round Prairie	4-2
28	Cross	4-2
29	Meyers	4-2
30	Upper Arm	5-2
31	White Walnut	5-2
32	Upper Holts	5-2
33	Lower Arm	5-2
34	Shakerag	5-2
35	Lower Holts	5-2
36	Ozburn	6-2
37	Cudgetown	6-2
38	Slawson	6-2
39	Walker	6-2
40	Woodward	6-2
41	Duncan	4-3
42	Kellerman	4-3
43	Winkle	4-3
44	Wylie	4-3
45	Eicholz	4-3
46	Nation	5-3
47	Brush Prairie	5-3
48	Van Brunt	5-3
49	Beaucoup	5-3
50	Pinckneyville Elementary	5-3
51	Brick	5-3
52	Kimzey	6-3
53	Bigham	6-3
54	Baird	6-3
55	Walkenhorst	6-3
56	Jenkins	6-3
57	Franklin	6-3
58	Acheson	4-4
59	Ireland	4-4
60	Swanwick	4-4
61	West Side	4-4
62	Lost Prairie	5-4
63	Bauersachs	5-3
64	Kraft	5-4
65	North Six Mile	5-4
66	Devinny	5-4
67	Richmond	5-4
68	South Six Mile	6-4
69	Denmark	6-4
70	Cutler Elementary & HS	6-4
71	Tangen	6-4
72	Union	6-4
74	Willisville Elem. & HS	6-4
76	Jamestown	5-4

The Country School

This is a reading that I read at my eighth grade graduation in 1948. There were nine rural schools represented and 25 graduates. It was held at the Denmark Baptist Church. I think the reading tells how we felt about our one room schools

Ruth (Lipe) Fisher

The Country School

I rise my friends to say a word, or rather a dozen or two. In praise of a modest structure that's familiar to most of you. In praise of the scattered kingdoms where the stern-eyed teachers rule, the humble abodes of learning that's known as the country school.

The spot where it stands may be lonely, the building be small in size, and the room within has little to attract an artist's eye. But the children dig education with well-thumbed books for a tool, and there's many a wordy contest in the little old country school.

They talk of consolidation and collecting the children in town, where buildings are fine and teachers are specialist of renown. They want to send out their buses our neighboring pupils to pool, and the modern method would banish the old-fashioned country school.

They sent forth thousands of pupils whose success had been worthwhile, they furnished lawyers and doctors and noted statesmen to rule. Most of the great men you heard of served their time in the country school.

We love its walls and ceilings, each window and scratched up seat, and the dusty floor well marred by the shuffle of active young feet. We are fond of these little kingdoms, where the stern-eyed teachers rule, so I arise in loving defense of the little old country school!

Earliest Schools in Perry County

In 1943 there were 75 elementary schools numbered 2 to 80 with numbers 73, 77, 78, and 79 omitted and by 1965 all of the one room schools had been absorbed into consolidated districts.

The first school in Perry County was in 1825 near Denmark and taught by Robert Clark.

In 1827 Frederick Williams came to Tamaroa from Kentucky and bought one and a half section of land and donated land and timber for a school and a cemetery.

John S. Haggard taught at Paradise Prairie in 1830 and schoolhouse was built in 1833.

Abraham Brayshaw taught a private school in 1833. Also in 1833 a school was built on the western part of Nine Mile Prairie three and a half miles south of Du Quoin, Mr. Beneldo taught.

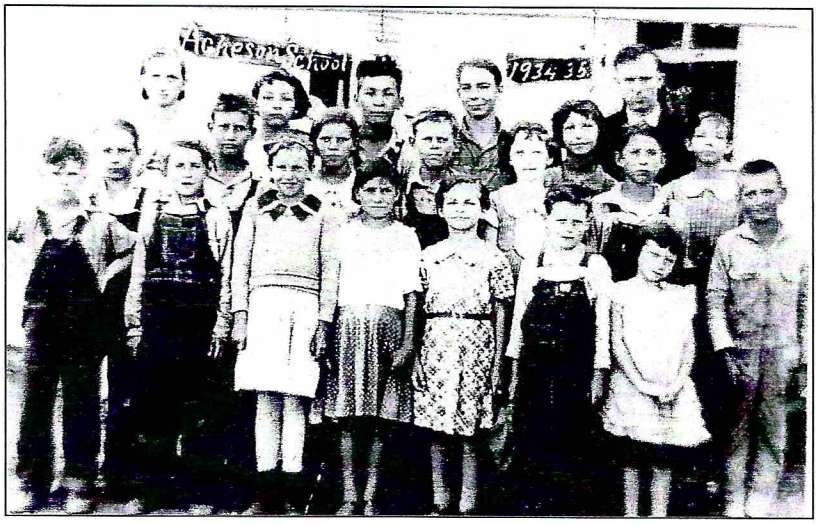
The first school in Swanwick in 1834 was a log cabin. In 1935 John Fulton taught school in his kitchen near Swanwick.

Miss Elvira Tilden taught school in Cutler in 1827 or 1828. It was a neighborhood school and charged $2.00 tuition.

Bland School in 1835 was the first school in Tamaroa Precinct about 4 to 5 miles north of Tamaroa.

ACHESON SCHOOL

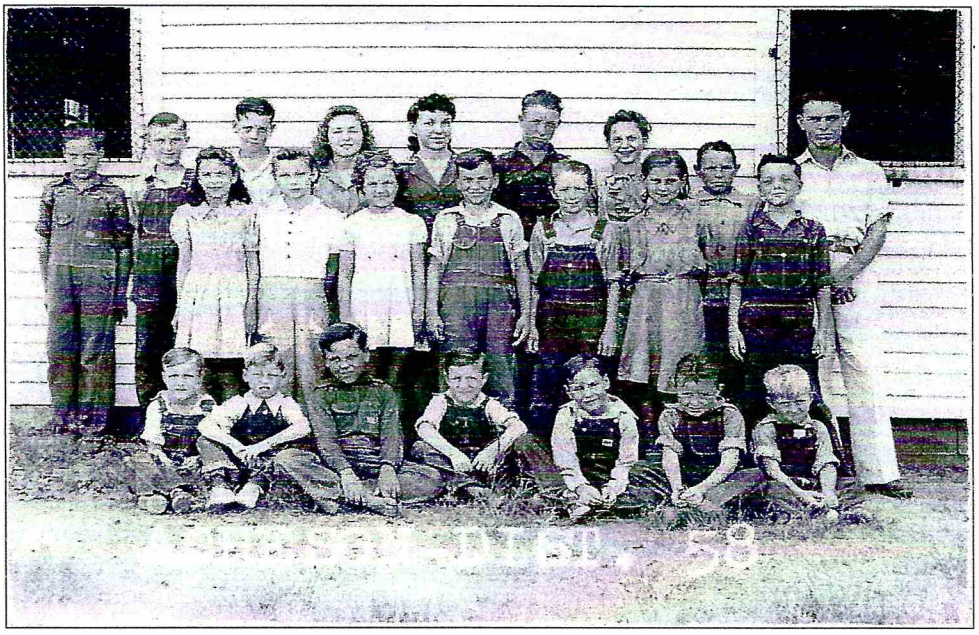
District 58, Township 4-4
Location: Pansy Road, Coulterville, IL 62237
Opened 1925 Closed: between 1946 and 1951



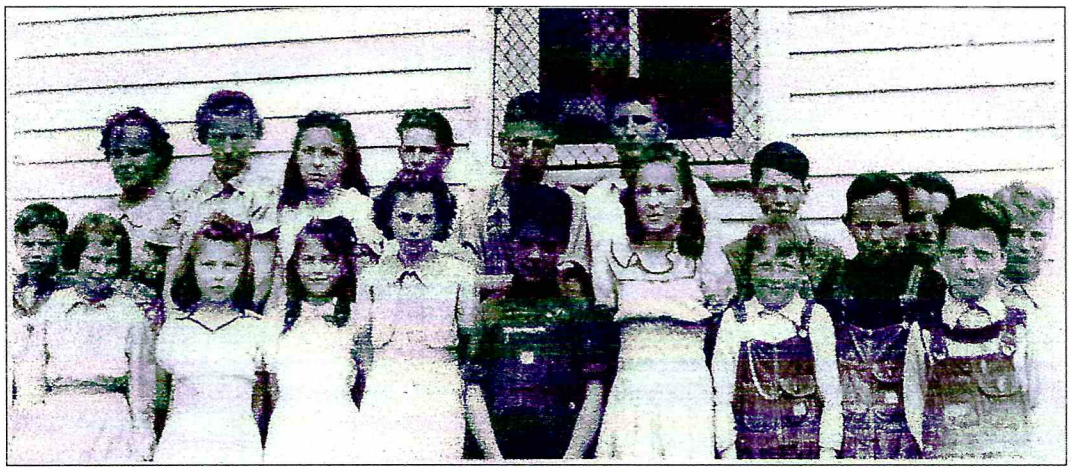
Acheson School 1934
Front row, left to right: Unknown, Unknown, Russell Miller, Irene Miller, Marie Wolfe, Ruby Wylie, Loren Marlow, Blanch Marlow, and John Zimmerman
Middle row, left to right: Evert Keller, Warren Wolfe, Pauline Kocian, Otis Wolfe, Olga Marlow, Anna Wylie, Floyd Foertsch, and Leanados Keller.
Back row, left to right: Frieda Wylie, Clara Wylie, John Wylie, Junior Keller, Mr. Glen Boyd, teacher

Acheson School ball team, May 1942
Front row, left to right: Leonard Thornton, Elmer Leslie, Roger Thornton, and Charles Mueller
Back row, left to right: Ruby Wylie, Ed Hubert, Dean Edwards, Mildred Wylie, and Victor Hubert

Acheson School



Acheson School
Front row, left to right: Ora Edwards, unknown, Don Leslie, Vernon Edwards, unknown, Leo Thornton, and Norman Thornton
Middle row left to right: Shirley Cushing, Margaret Wylie, Loyce Edwards, Charles Mueller, Roger Thornton, Mary Zimmerman, and Melvin Marlow.
Back row, left to right: Elmer Leslie, Victor Hubert, Loren Marlow, Mildred Wylie, Ruby Wylie, Dean Edwards, Blanche Marlow, Leonard Thornton, and Matthew Robb, teacher



Front row, left to right: Melvin Marlow, Leonard Thornton, Roger Thornton, Mildred Wylie, Elmer Leslie, Blanche Marlow, Shirley Cushing, Margaret Wylie, Mary Zimmerman, and Charles Mueller.
Back row, left to right: Victor Hubert, unknown, Loren Marlow, John Zimmerman, Ed Hubert, Willard Thornton, Ruby Wylie, Irene Mueller, and Louise Leslie.

Acheson School

Front row, left to right: Shirley Cushing, Elsie Lewis, and Leonard Thornton.
Middle row, left to right: Carole Lewis, Blanche Marlow, Mildred Wylie, Ruby Wylie, Marie Wolfe, Willard Thornton, Charles Mueller, Roger Thornton, and Loren Marlow.
Back row, left to right: Irene Mueller, Marjorie Thornton, Olga Marlow, Pauline Kocian, Anna Wylie, Warren Wolfe, Otis Wolfe, Everett Kelley, and Mary Darrough, teacher

Front row, left to right: Leonard Thornton, Leo Thornton, Melvin Marlow, Don Leslie, Charles Mueller, Roger Thornton, and Vernon Edwards.
Middle row, left to right: Margaret Wylie, Shirley Cushing, Mary Zimmerman, Loyce Edwards, Victor Hubert, and Elmer Leslie.
Back row left to right: Teacher, Matthew Robb, Irene Mueller, Ruby Wylie, Blanche Marlow, Mildred Wylie, Daisy Edwards, Loren Marlow, Dean Edwards, and Ed Hubert.

Acheson Teachers from 1929 to 1949

Alberta Hemphill, L. S. Braden, J. Harold Boyd, Matthew Robb, Elmer Ervin, J. Ernest Queen, Myrtle Jausel, Mary P. Darrough, Orpha Boner, Dorothy Bauersachs, Betty Shaw, and Ruby Grubb

Acheson School Pupils 1929 to 1949

Ruth Alston, Wilburn, Keller, Ida Mae Schneider, Dorothy Alston, Junior Keller, Russell Shoemake, Geneveive Bouras, Everett Keller, Doyle, Snodgrass, Anna Boyd, Lenondas Keller, **James Thornton**, Shirley Cushing, Kenneth Kelley, **Leonard Thornton**, Mary Darrough, Marie Kocian, **Marjorie Thornton**, Vernon Drury, Pauline Kocian, **Willard Thornton**, Eaudore Drury, Billie Kocian, **Leonard Thornton**, Daisy, Edwards, Elmer Leslie, **Roger Thornton**, Deanie Edwards, Ernest Leslie, **Lenard Thornton**, Ora Edwards, Louise, Leslie, Otis, Wolf, Vernon Edwards, Carol Lewis, Warren Wolf, Cedric Farris, Elsie, Lewis, Mary Marie Wolf, Maurice Farris, Florence Marlow, Marie Wolf, Keith Farris, Ruth Marlow, Marie Wolfe, Floyd Foertsch, Beulah Marlow, Otis Wolfe, Clyde Frederking, Carmel Marlow, Warren Wolfe, Frederick Frederking, Olga Marlow, Anna Wolfe, Earl Fultz, Loren Marlow, Clara Wylie, Eugene Fultz, Blanche Marlow, John Wylie, Robert Fultz, Ida Miller, Anna Wylie, Barney Garrison, Russell Miller, Sherman Wylie, George Gourley, Annie Mueller, Fredia Wylie, Clemmie Harrell, Edward Mueller, Ruth Wylie, Clifford Harrell, Milford Mueller, Frieda Wylie, Edwin Harrell, Anna Mueller, Ruby Wylie, Lloyd Harris, Irene Mueller, Mildred Wylie, Shirley Harris, Charles Mueller, John Zimmerman, Robert, Hemphill, Raymond Norris, Mary Zimmerman, Leslie Hilligoss, Howard, Perky, Robert Hilligoss, Hansel Posten, Paul Hilligoss, Ray Posten, Edwin, Hubert, Richard Posten, Victor, Hubert, Fay Posten, Bruce, Jones, Lucille Schneider

ARTHUR SCHOOL

District 19, Township 6-1
Location: East of Du Quoin

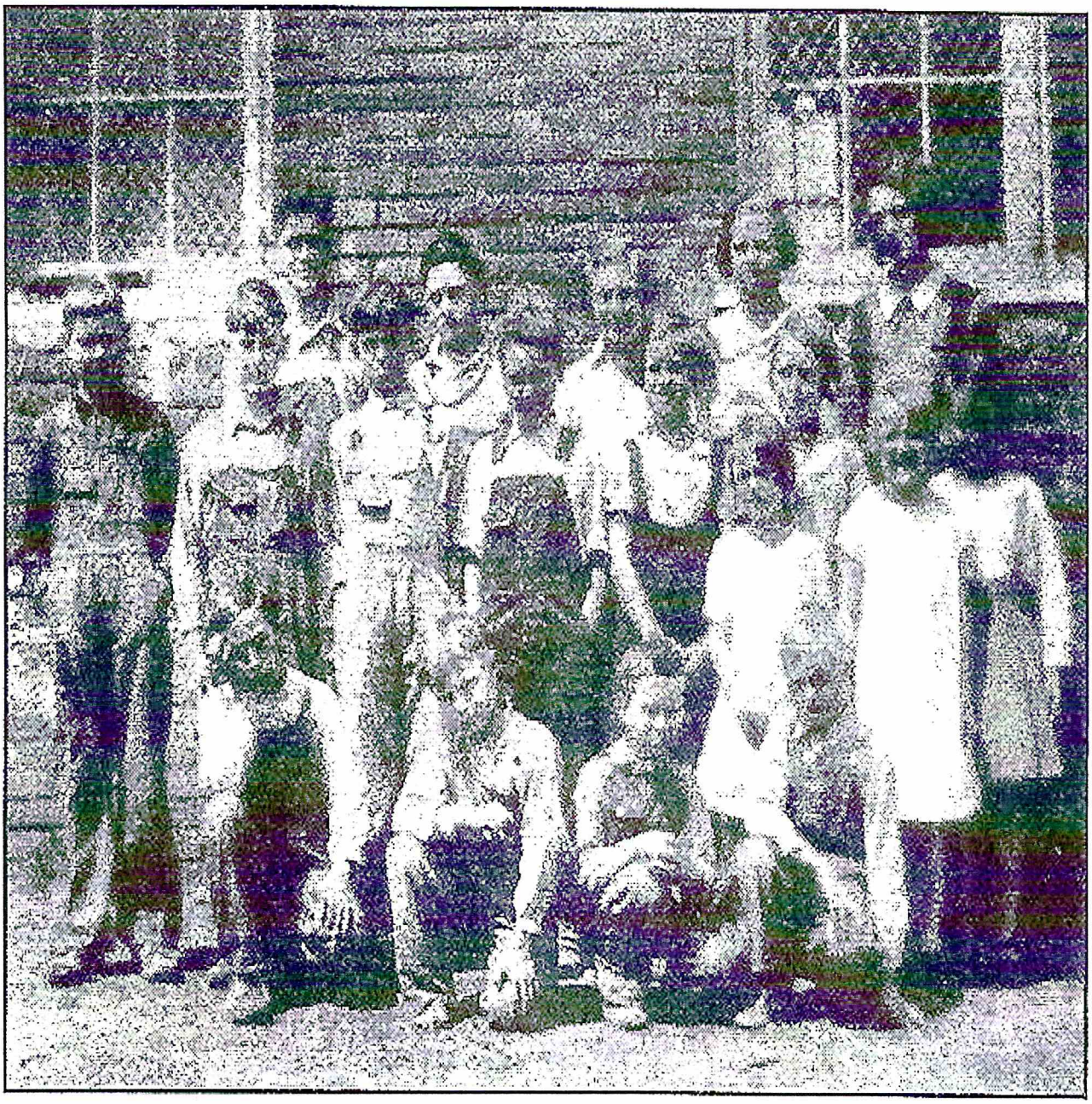
The oldest school deed in Perry County is for Arthur School dated January 11, 1850

My Memories of Going to a One-Room School

Trudy (Gertrude Kelley) Rabe, Du Quoin High School Class of 1948

My two older sisters and I walked to the one-room Arthur school, that was out east of Du Quoin, Illinois in the 1930s. It was about a mile and a quarter, each way. Along the way we were joined by some neighbor kids. I remember the names of Richardson, Kunkel and Teel. I remember the teachers; Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gussy Rodgers. We made that daily walk in pretty weather or rain, sleet or snow. We went to school every day. We walked through the farmers' fields by climbing through the fences. It was a short cut. We took our lunch and I had a tin cup to use for drinking water from the well. There was no indoor bathroom. There was an outhouse for the girls and one for the boys. All eight grades were all together in the same room. My father moved us to town in Du Quoin so that my oldest sister could go to High School. There were no school buses in those days.

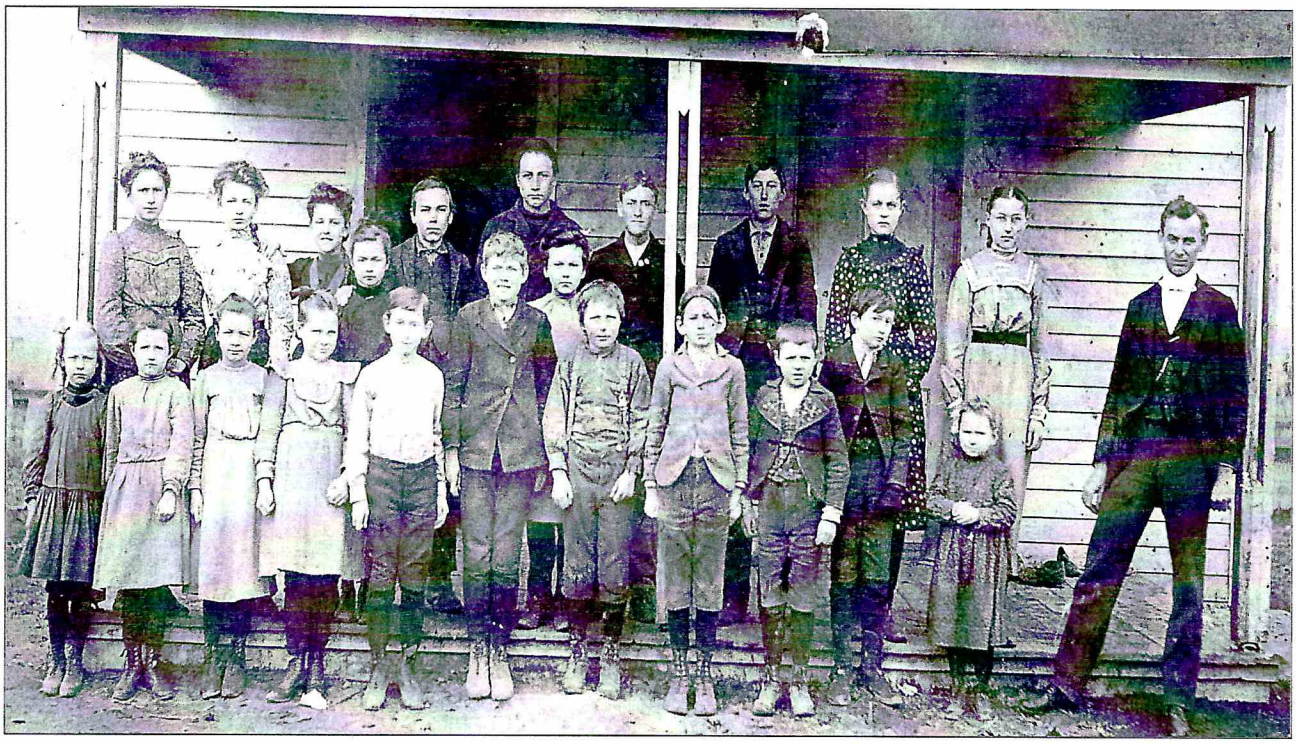
Arthur School



The one room Arthur School was about 4 miles northwest of Du Quoin. The Class of 1934 was as follows: (l. to r.) Back row: Leonard Commean, Pinckney Teel, Eileen Keiner, Arlene Kunkel and Teacher, Lorene Smith. Second row: Loren Teel, Elvan Teel, Godfrey Kunkel, Richard Rodely, Louise Kunkel, Gertrude Kelley, Helen Kelley, Alice Rodely, and Ella Aline Kelley. Front row: Harley Conner, Owen Teel, Norman Teel, and Lyle Bossle.

BAIRD SCHOOL

District 54, Township 6-3
Location: A mile and half from Pyatts.



Pearl B., Opal B., Pearl M., John, Louis A., Grover M., Henry Wesseln, Emma Helmig, Mary Epplin, Lucille B., and Dollie Farley
Marie B. (Bell?), Lillian Miller, Alma Kimzey, Ruth Anderson, Herman Epplin, Lyle Anderson, Herman Englehardt, Scott, Clyde Bell, Milton Milligan (?). Teacher Tom Templeton

Baird School

Baird School November 21, 1905 H. H. Turner Teachedr

Baird School 1910 or 1912 Last Day of School Picnic

Baird School

TURNING BACK MANY CALENDARS—The above picture, property of historian Rex Franklin of Vergennes was taken at the old Baird School near Pinckneyville. Many of the Pinckneyville people are still alive. See how many you can recognize then check the list for true identity. First row, Ray Heisner, Walter Mohr, Emmet Heisner, Russel Malan, Fred Schwartzkoff, Fred Wild, Kenneth Pyatt, Edith Preston, Davie Preston, Mary Preston, Ernestine Heisner and Lois Pyatt. Second row: Earl Rule, Edmund Schwartzkoff, Lucian Pyatt, Lena Wild, Lucille Pyatt, Marjorie Pyatt, Clara Weatherford and Maurice Pyatt. Third row: John Weatherford, Albert Smith, Elbert Harris (teacher), Elsie Wild, Nora Galloway, Lessie Milligan, Blanch Brown and Carrie Mohr.

Baird School

The following are on the roll of honor:
Albert Rule, Lucian Pyatt, Emmet Heisner, Edmond Schwartzkopf, Maurice Pyatt, Curtis Owens, Eddie Mohr, Fred Schwartzkopf, Kenneth Pyatt, Wesley Milligan, Clyde Owens, Ethel Pyatt, Edith Preston, Clara Weatherford, Mary Preston, Lois Pyatt, and Ernest Heisner.
Roy Moore, Teacher

Pinckneyville Advocate, October 20, 1911

Report for the month ending January 27, 1915. School was in session 22 days. Enrollment is 30. Average daily attendance 25. Those who attended perfectly are as follows: Lucian, Lois, Lucille, Kenneth, Maurice, Hazel, Ethyl and Gladys Pyatt, Erhardt and Ernestine Heisner, Edith and Mary Preston, Clara Weatherford, Edward Mohr and Freddie Wild. Nora Roethe and Wesley Milligan were absent one day. O. L. McIlrath teacher.

Pinckneyville Advocate, February 19, 1915

For the month ending October 12, enrollment 29. School was in seassion 23 days. Those who attend perfectly were: Ernestine Erhardt, Melvin Heisner, Lois, Hazel, Ethel and Gladys Pyatt, Mary, Davie and Edith Preston, Willard and Jessie Milligan, Freddie Wild, Oscar Young, Fritz and Lawrence Schwartzkopf, Eddie Mohr and Willie Roethe. O. L. McIlrath, teacher

Supplement to the Advocate October 29, 1915

BAUERSACHS SCHOOL

District 63, Township 5-3
Location: West of Pinckneyville on the Bauersachs Road

Bauersachs School in Perry Co.

Submitted by
Helen Modglin

Another on the list of community schools was the Bauersachs School District 63. It was located west of Pinckneyville along Bauersachs Road.

Some of the school board members were W. M. Jausel, Calvin Bauersachs, Frank Tanner, Harmon Kuhnert and Harold Tanner.

The school children enjoyed baseball, softball and a little basketball.

A water fountain was located at the front of the school in a small room. Lunch buckets and coats were stored in the small room, too.

Large windows faced north and south. A heating stove was in the corner of a large room.

The teacher made the fire and carried in wood and coal for the stove. She also carried in drinking water from a hand pump outside.

Some of the teachers at Bauersachs School were Flora Schutte, Alice Armstrong Bauersachs, Ernest Queen, Nona Belle Hutchings, Ella Celland, Bertha Kellerman Carson, Dorothy Shook and Dean Bauersachs.

In the earlier years of the school, the teacher boarded with families in the community. Later, the teachers drove cars to school.

The building still stands. It had been a residence for a number of years and is now unoccupied.

Information about the school was provided by Glen Bauersachs, who was a student at the school for eight years.

County Journal April 29, 2010

Bauersachs School reports:

Those neither tardy nor absent during the month ending October 17, were Etta Bauersach,Viola Bauersachs, Herman Mayer, Clara Mayer, Rudolf Bauersachs, and Walter Wildermuth. Eva Braden, Teacher.

Pinckneyville Advocate October 20, 1911

For the month ending January 27. Enrollment 18. Average daily attendance 15. Those neither tardy nor absent are: Myrtle Bauersachs, Myrtle Cunningham, Etta Bauersachs, Blanche Tanner, and Rudolf Bauersachs. Those who were neither absent or tardy once are Henry Schwartz, Ernest Beck, Robert and Viola Bauersachs. Dwight Richmond, Teacher

Pinckneyville Advocate February 6, 1914

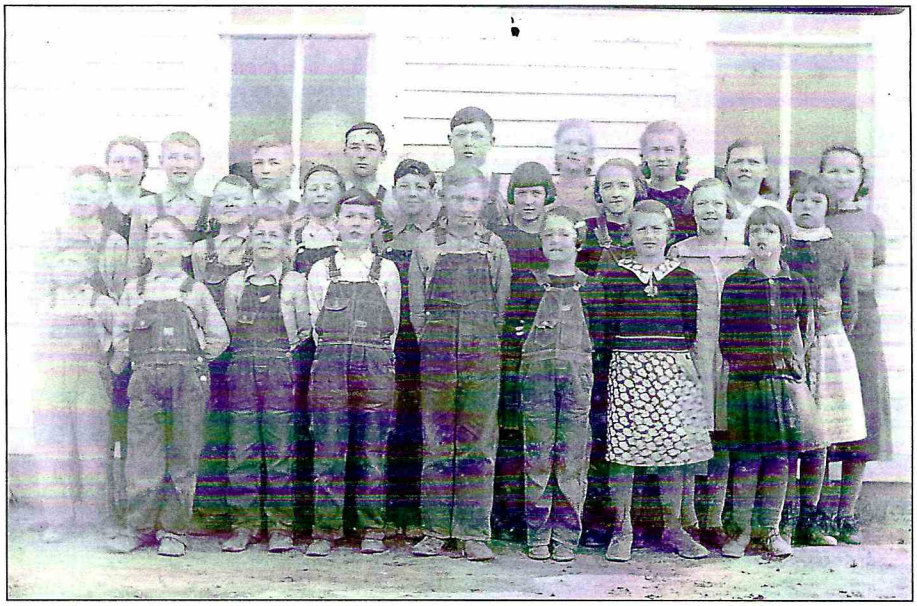
Bauersachs School

Bauersachs School 1934-35

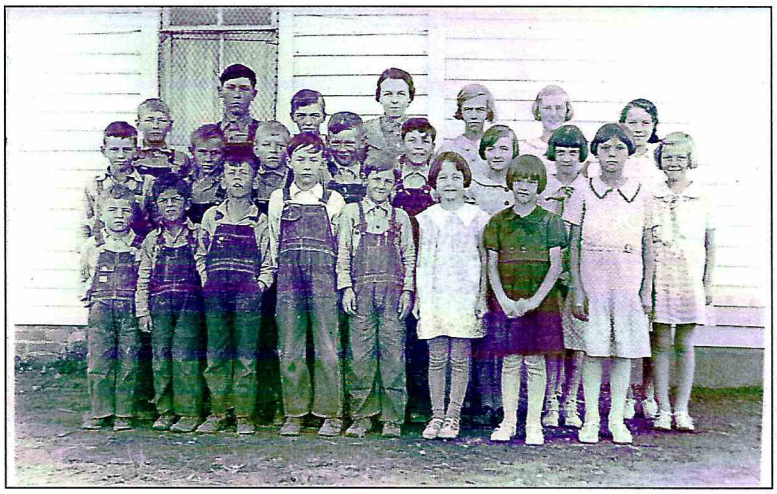
Bauersachs School 1935-36

Top row: Clara Schwarz, Alberta Beck, La Verna Beck, and Hildegarde Wagner.
Third row: Alice Armstrong, teacher, Emory Schumaier, Helen Tanner, Mildred Tanner, Florence Dipel, Dennis Szarek, Dorothy and John Bauersachs, and Clarence Schumaier.
Second row: Marion Dippel, Iona Schwarz, Helen Bauersachs, Norma Dippel, Myrtle Tanner, Norma J. Baker, Cecelia Szarek, and Floyd Bauersachs.
Boys sitting on the bench left to right: Bob Lunnemann, Eugene Schumaier, Glen Schwarz, Edwin Mayer, Roger Ammear, Dean Bauersachs, Edward Bauman, and Harold Schwarz
Bauersachs School

Bauersachs School



Bauersachs School 1936-37
Front row: Ervin Schwartz, Robert Lunnemann, Floyd Bauersachs, Harold Schwartz, Edward Bauman, Irene Bauersachs, Leona Schwartz, and Viola Schwartz.
Second row: Edwin Mayers, Gene Schumaier, Dean Bauersachs, Roger Annear, Norma Jean Baker,Helen Bauersachs, Marian Dippel, and Iona Schwartz.
Back row: Bertha Kellerman, Emery Schumaier, John Bauersachs, Robert Schwartz, Willard Schwartz, Norma Dippel, Dorothy Bauersachs, Myra Beck, and Myrtle Tanner.



Bauersachs School 1937-38
Front row: Kenneth Bauersachs, Herman Bauersachs, Jr., Robert Lunnemann, Harold Schwartz, Floyd Bauersachs, Irene Bauersachs, Viola Schwartz, and Iona Schwartz.
Second row: Dean Bauersachs, Edward Bauman, Gene Schumaier, Edwin Mayer, Roger Annear, Helen Bauersachs, Norma Dean Baker, and Marion Dippel.
Back row: Emery Schumaier, Willard Schwartz, John Bauersachs, Bertha Kellerman, Dorothy Bauersachs, Norma Dippel, and Myrtle Tanner.

Bauersachs School

Pupils 1931-1951

Roger Annear, Ervin Jausel, Vernie Tanner, Norma Jean Baker, Charlene, Kimmel, Virgil, Tanner, Bobbie Baudison, Donald, Kuhnert, Ina, Tanner, Ilene, Baudison, Jimmie Kuhnert, Bessie Mae Tanner, John Bauersachs, Roger Kuhnert, Sue Tanner, Dorothy, Bauersachs, Terry Kuhnert, Ina Tanner, Dean, Bauersachs, Jacob, Lunnemann, Jean Tanner, Helen Bauersachs, William Lunnemann, Joe Tanner, John Bauersachs, LeRoy Lunnemann, Joyce Ann Tanner, Dolly, Bauersachs, Lorraine, Mathis, Bobby Templeton, Herman Bauersachs, Christina Mayer, Billy Templeton, Jimmie Allen Bauersachs, Anita, Mayer, Hildegard Wagner, Kenneth Bauersachs, Edwin Mayer, Bernice Wildermuth, Delbert, Bauersachs, Clarence Schumaier, Irma Wildermuth, Frankie Baumann, Emory Schumaier, Minnie Baumann, Eugene, Schumaier, Lucille Beck, Robert Schwartz, Emilia Beck, Willard Schwartz, Florence Beck, Glenn Schwartz, Alberta Beck, Clarence Schwartz, Laverna, Beck, Harold, Schwartz, Majorie Beck, Clara Schwartz, Herman Brand, Iona Schwartz, Alvin, Brand, Gerhardt Schwartz, Thomas, Brand, Viola, Schwartz, Edgar Gene Caupert, Frankie Shalk, James, Davis, Stanley Shalk, Norma Dippel, Virgil Shalk, Florence Dippel, Antone Shalk, Opal Dippel, Cecilia Shalk, Marion Dippel, Beula Tanner, Geraldine Egbert, Elmer Tanner, Joseph Floyd Gass, Helen Tanner, Virgil Jausel, Mildred Tanner, Irvin, Jausel, Mable Tanner, Donald Lee Jausel, Myrtle, Tanner,

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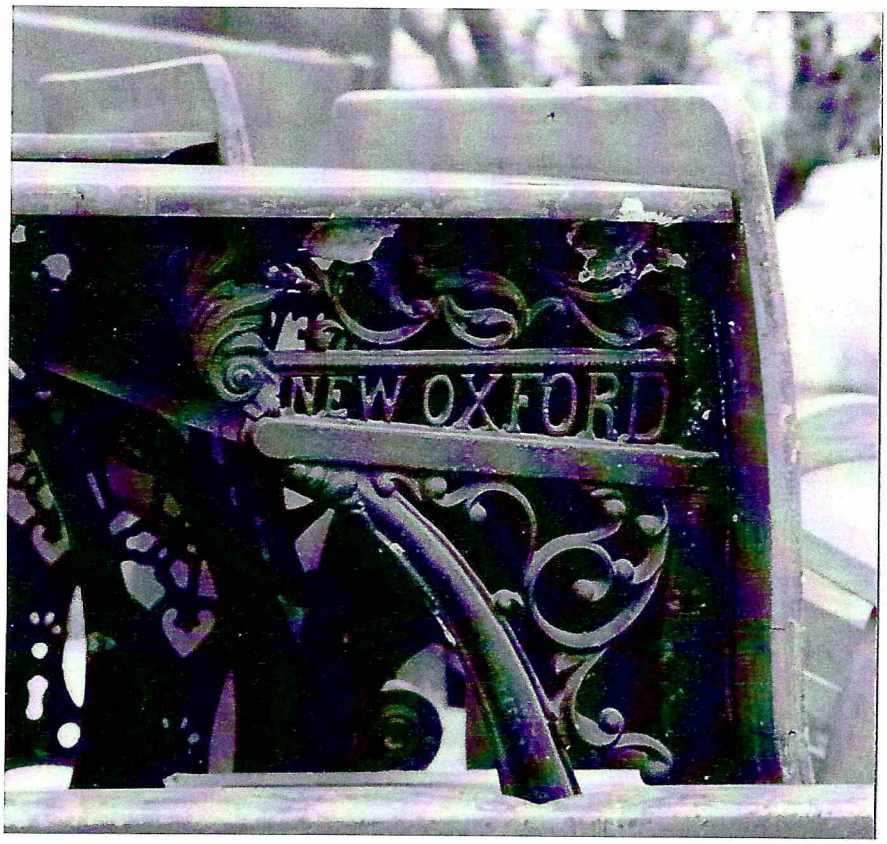
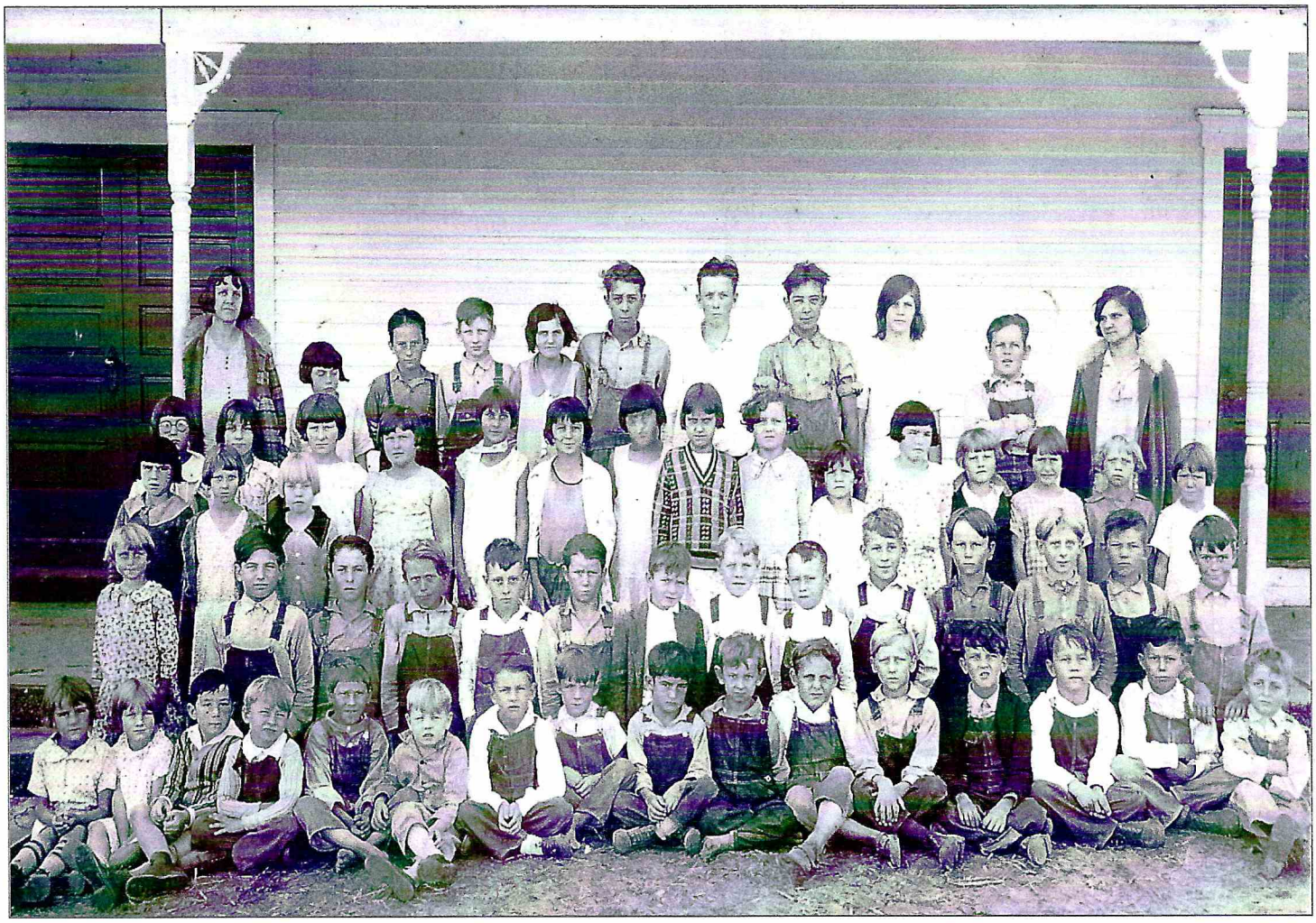


Desk bought at an Evansville auction of school supplies and sold much later to the Ballwin, Mo. Parks and Recreation Depth to restore a one room school along with a set of Book of Knowledge encyclopedias, plus a black board, textbooks from Van Brunt School and a teacher's chair from Kraft School in 2005.

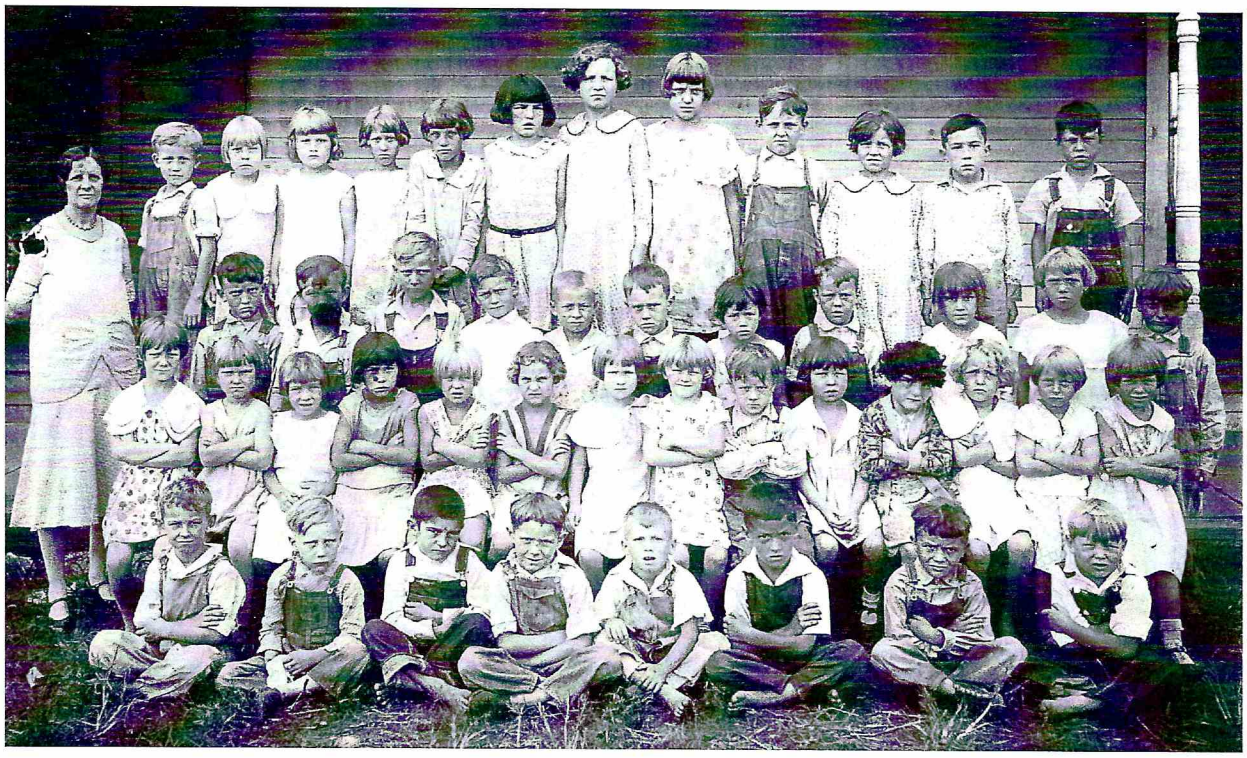
BEAUCOUP SCHOOL

District 49, Township 5-3
West of Pinckneyville in Diamond Town
Closed: 1962

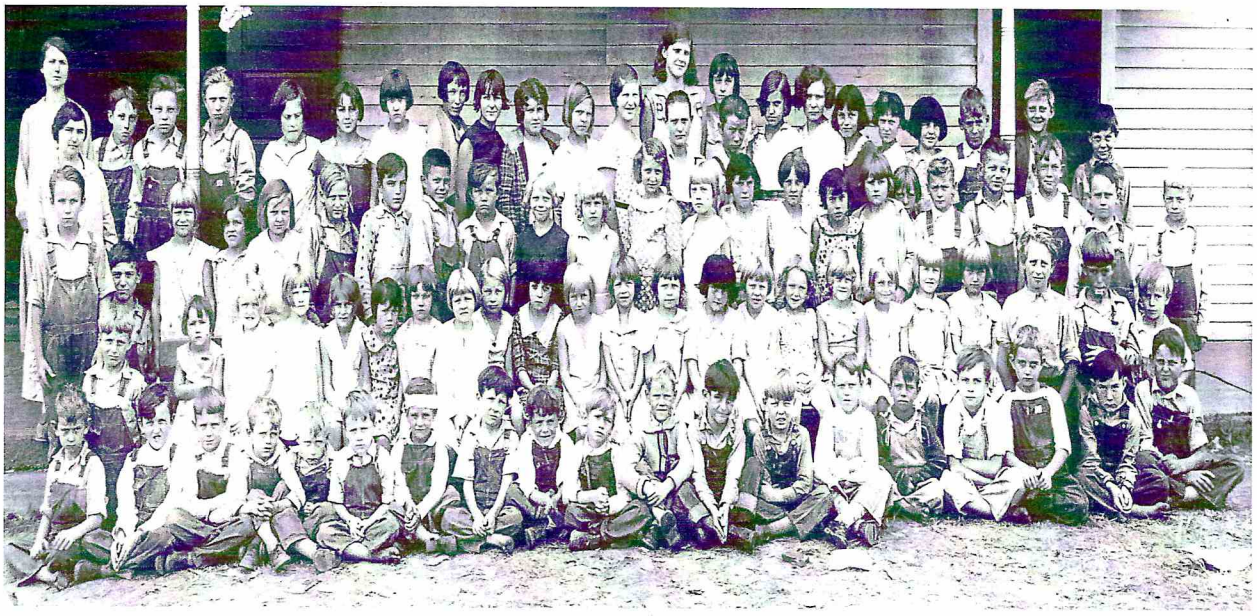


Beaucoup School 1929
Top Row, Left to Right: Teacher Florence Loucks, Elizabeth Fontana, Floyd Wright, Eugene Marlow, Nellie Ryals, Lester Robinson, Harry Wright, Leslie Robinson, Irene Morgan, Raymond Folden, Teacher Cecil Valentine.
Second Row from Top: Dorothy Kelly Mathis, Harriet Hawkins, Wanda Marlow, Edith Presswood, Florence Galbraith, Evelyn Mathis (Giacomo), Anna Belle Gaston, Wanita Lennington, Maxine Rennison Lunnemann, Dorothy Rennison, Felicita Fontana Kellerman, Alice Presswood (Logan), Mildred Cronin Sullivan, Lorraine Bernaix, Zelma Rich Marlow.
Inset: Mabel Fontana Chwasczinski, Mary Galbraith, Bonnie Jenkel.
Third Row from Top: Velma Neiderbrach, Pete Faust, Dean McDonnough, Jessie Neiderbrach, Herschel Jenkel, Enos Hawkins, Wayne Marlow, Eugene McCurdy, Dean Jenkel, Virgil Weatherford, Richard

Beaucoup School



Beaucoup School 1930



Beaucoup School 1931

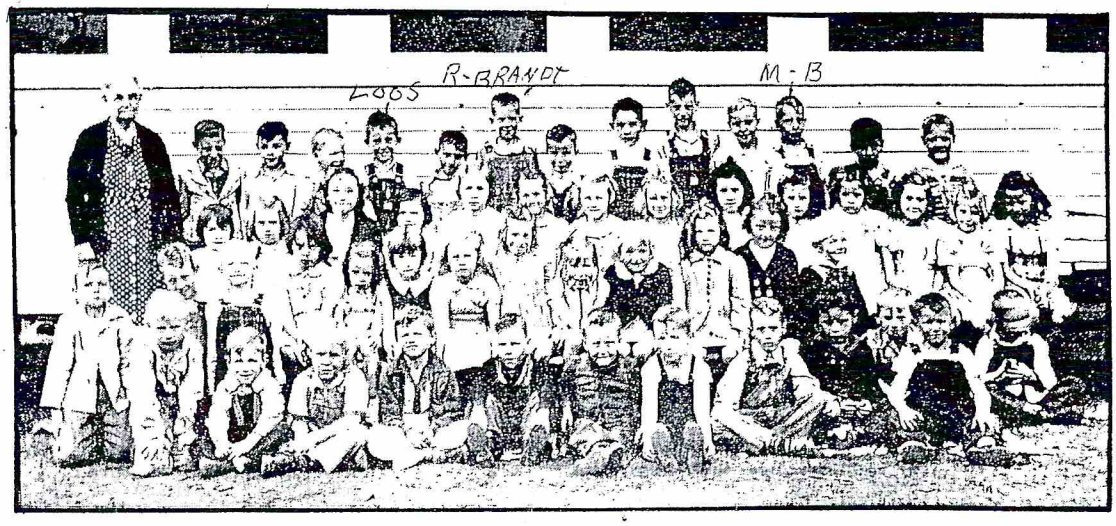
Beaucoup School

Beaucoup 1933

Beaucoup 1934

Another oldie from Beaucoup school

The year unknown, but Harold and Paul Helvey would like for you to name it, if you know or have a near idea. It's the old Beaucoup school, that for many years was one of the most important suppliers of Pinckneyville high school. Look them over and see if you can fill in the blanks.



BACK ROW (L-R): Mrs. Morgan, ?, John Golligar, Ronald Gaston, Leonard SaidRick Loos, ?, Robert Brandt, Joe Chapman, Carl Cacutti, JackWright, Charles McCurdy, Maurice Brandt, Paul Helvey and Bobby Smith. Third row (l-r): Barb Wright, Nadine Thomas, Janet Thomas, Phylis Rennison, Joann Mathis, Betty Presswood, Marilyn Shurtz, Diana Rushing, Evelyn Helvey, Nadine Moody, Becky Hawkins, Donna Moak, Darlene Mathis and Wanda Wright. Second row (l-r): ?, Maurice Gale Chapman, ?, Stalheber, Sherry Craig, ?, ?, Vivian Presswood, Melba Presswood, Joan Hubler, Doloris Caldwell, Charles Ray Folden, ?.Front row (l-r): George Rennison, Marlow Bolling, Jimmy Chapman, Sam Craig, Richard Hubler, Bob Luenneman and Doug Hawkins.

Beaucoup School Holds Strong Memories for Former Students

by Christy Goldman

Students of the former Beaucoup School enjoy fond memories of their days at the school. There is no known formal record of the school's existence located in Diamond Town (Pinckneyville), but the school was opened sometime in the 1880's or 1890's and was closed in 1962.

The school consisted of two classrooms. The "little room" was used for children in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the "big room" was used for children in grade 5, 6, 7, and 8. Several former students remember that there was usually about 100 children enrolled in the school each year. With one teacher per room, this means the teachers were each responsible for teaching approximately 50 students, in four different grades.

Some of the teachers who taught at Beaucoup School include: Esthere Cross, Elizabeth (Cunningham) Heisner, Loa Runion, Alda Quillman, Virgil Davis Edna Norton Marjorie Campbell, Tommy Torrens, Betty Taylor, Verna Lewis, Florence Martin, Charles Neville, Mary Rusiewski, George Pullis, and Pernie Hensley.

Beaucoup School Continued

"Someone should do a tribute to those teachers. With very little equipment and sometimes sharing books, they taught us to read and write and most of all how to behave. We were taught to respect others and their property, to value our country, and its leader. We were taught to ask questions and to make judgments slowly and carefully," said Geraldine (Wright) Bardle.

There were no buses to pick them up and take them to school, so they walked every day. The older boys would hitch a ride on the trains that go past the school.

After World War II, the train stopped on the railroad tracks across from the school. The train had soldiers coming home from the war. The teachers had the students go outside, line up, salute them, and wave at those left on the train when it started back up and left.

The toilets were located in an outhouse approximately 150 feet from the school. There was a red and green cardboard scoreboard in the classrooms. When it was red, that meant someone from that class had gone outside. That allowed the teachers to keep better track of the students.

Geraldine Bardle said, "I remember the innocence and trust we all had at that time. I remember each morning a prayer was part of the opening, as well as the pledge, and not one of us thought we were "infringed upon" because we said it together."

Jimmy Chapman and Charles Ray Folden remember that Duke Skurtz was the janitor at the school in the early morn. "He was late receiving pay so he locked the door that morning so that the children and teachers could not get in. That was the first strike we experienced at Beaucoup School."

They had pie suppers, box socials, and sold flowers and vegetable seeds to raise money for ball gloves, bats, and anything else they might need.

There was a swing set on the playground that had three swings and a teeter-totter. This was used by the little kids.

There were also two basketball goals set regulation distance apart and a ball diamond. The boys loved to play ball when the weather was nice.

The older youngsters made up their own fun. They would run up and down the big hail behind the school, play crick-the-whip, red rover-red rover, jumped rope. And played marbles.

During nice weather, the kids would roll down the hill. When there was snow on the ground, the kids brought sleds of all shapes and sizes to school so they could sled down the hill.

The boys' basketball team would play against other country schools. Nancy Rushing and Pat Reidelberger elected themselves "cheerleaders." Pat still remembers one of their finest cheers:

Little red rooster,
Sittin on a fence,
Crows for Beaucoup,
He's got sense.
Go Team Go!

They played a lot of softball. Occasionally, they play against other schools, including Winkle, Cutler, and Swanwick. Some former students remember how Charles Neville would fill his car full of ball player and some of the boys would ride on the finder to their games.

At Christmas time and in the spring, the children would put on a musical and their parents and friends would come to watch. They would hang a curtain, suspended by wire, along the front of the "big room" that would open and close.

Tom Bardle, a member of the Pinckneyville Fire Department submitted the following: "On January 30, 1931, the Beaucoup School, located west of the city, was the site of a three-hour fire.

During this blaze, two thousand gallons of chemicals and water were used and four hundred feet of hose laid out to extinguish this blaze. The fire resulted in $1,500 in damage to the structure. The value of the property saved was determined to $6,500. While fighting the blaze, Charles Matthews slipped from the icy roof and broke his arm."

Geraldine Bardle wrote, "When asked to share a special memory, I couldn't think. What could I say, it was blessing to go to a small rural school where everyone knew each other and their families, where everyone knew when there was an illness, death, or lose of a job and pitched in to help. In a time when no one thought about peer pressure or keeping up with appearances. I believe my thought would be: I wish this kind of simple life would be available to my grandchild."

"I feel fortunate to have attended Beaucoup School," said Mary Ann Fox, "there were such caring and thoughtful students, teachers, and parents. Some of my best friends today came from this school. There was a great bonding there. It is a good memory to have."

The school and ground were auctioned off in 1962 and was purchased by Roy and Marcella Terry. They later sold it to Fisher Automotive. Some previous students recalled That Dr. Gene Stotlar, Wilson Roe and Hugh Richardt were on the school board when it was closed and sold.

BENTON ROAD SCHOOL

District 13, Township 5-1, Section 15
Location: Two and a half miles east of Sunfield on State Route 154 the Sesser Blacktop.
Teachers: Mary Bramley Queen Feltmeyer

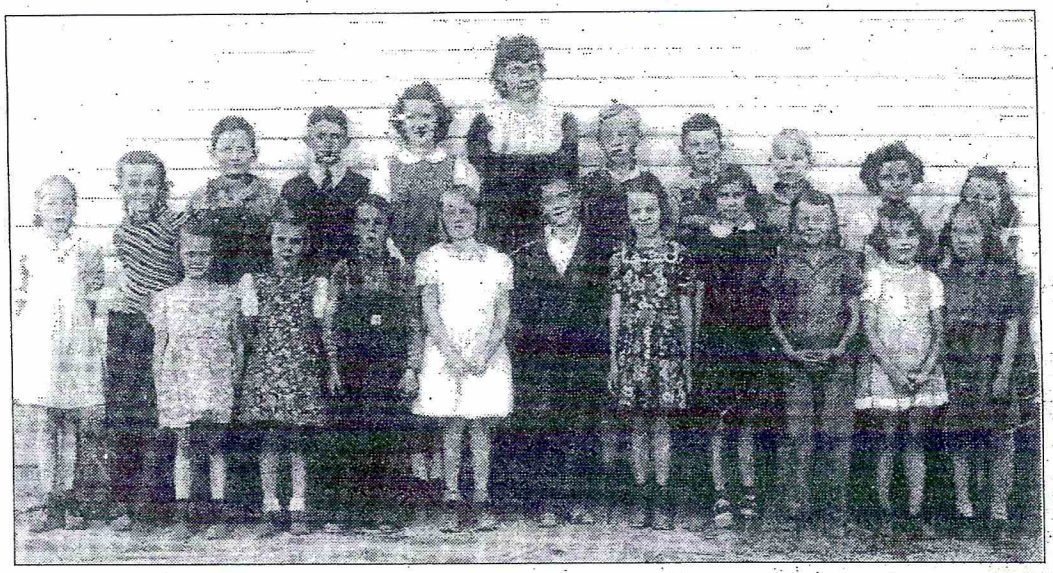
SCHEDULE OF A COMMON SCHOOL.

Kept by Adelphia C. Hawkins at Benton Road in District No. 7 in Township No. 5 Range No. 1 W of the 3rd Principal Meridian, in the County of Perry in the State of Illinois. Names and Ages of Pupils residing in District No. 7 Township No. 5 Range No. 1 W in Perry County, who have attended my school during the time beginning the 17 day of Sept 189 4 and ending the 16 day of October 189 4 during which time the school was in session 22 school days.

NAMES OF MALES.	Ages.	No. Days Attended.	Pupil's No.	NAMES OF FEMALES.	Ages	No. Days Attended.
David Davis	16	21	1	Fanny Tyler	17	9
Robert Hitt	16	17	2	Emma "	15	10
John J. King	9	22	3	Maude "	12	19
Benny Shrader	12	14	4	Mamie King	14	21
Frank Tyler	6	2	5	Dora Polley	16	21
Elton King	10	21	6	Delphia "	11	21
Edward Osburn	9	17	7	Idie Hitt	14	19
Henry Shrader	17	16	8	Emily Osburn	11	17
Leslie King	12	6	9	Mary Nevils	13	17
Everett King	17	5	10	Laura "	6	12
Henry Strode	6	12	11	Lizzie Earnest	7	18
Roy King	15	12	12	Lillie Boyd	6	22
Orlen King	13	12	13	Florence King	7	21
Barney Merkel	10	20	14	Eliza Simmons	18	17
Charles "	7	17	15	Anna Strode	9	13
William "	14	2	16	Martha Strode	7	15
Jessie Weeks	13	2	17	Nancy Merkel	15	2
Stephen Simmons	22	2	18			
			19			

BIGHAM SCHOOL

District 53, Township 6-3
Location: Southwest of Pinckneyville



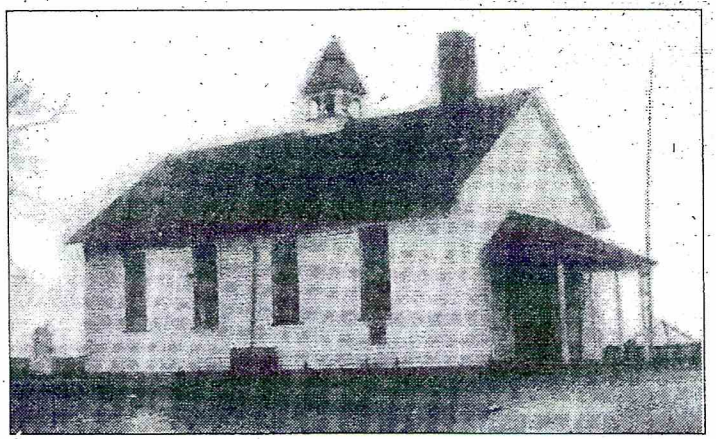
Picture are students that attended Bigham School in 1944. More information about the school will be displayed in the Union School. First row (l-r) Lorene (Armstrong) Cottom, Gladys Lipe, Homer Peter McDonnough, Ann (Bigham) Salto, Ben Welsch, Laberta (Armstrong) Harrell, Alveria (Welch) Knapp, Fred Wild, Neder (Todd) Heine and Sue (Bigham) Hawkins. Second row (l-r) Barbara (Bigham) Tempero, Audrey (Tessier) Rudloff, Jim Stevenson, Kenneth Wild, Dorothy (Eggbert) Winter, Teacher, Cleta Mohr, Robert Gigham, Orville Bigham, Leslie Bigham, Dlores (McDonnough) Getzie and Mary Lou (Smith) Nagel.

Looking Back at Bigham School

As best we can figure out, Bigham School was organized in the 1800s. It was in the Bigham district.

Middleton M. Bigham and his wife, Rebecca Jane, came to Perry County in 1850. They settled on 640 acres southwest of Pinckneyville and were having trouble paying for the land. His five boys settled around him and took portions of the land and helped pay it off. It is thought that is why it was called the Bigham School

There was a log school that was a very small building across the road from the last school. One would have a hard time imagining all those kids in that small room because folks told us there were 22 in the 8th grade one year. However, sometimes the older ones couldn't go on to high school so they took the 8th grade over which made bigger classes.



Bigham School

Sometime in the late 1940s or early 1950s it was changed to Consolidated District 210, and the first four grades were at the old Ozburn School near Pyatt's and the fifth through 8th grades were still at Bigham School. About 1957 or 1958 they were consolidated with Pinckneyville District #50 and that is where they are today.

Bigham School

THIS IS THE BIGHAM SCHOOL classes of 1933 - 1934. A few of the students are not known.

Bottom row: (L to R) Helen Hallbauer, Kathern Illeg, Billie Jean Davis, Lloyd Bigham, Robert Rushing, Mary Harding, Helen Williams, Dorothy Gladson, Cecil Egbert, Lavern Egbert.

Middle Row: (L to R): Dorothy Smith, Margarete Kiehna, Iola Rushing, Pauline Harding, Merle Smith, Mervin Smith, Dean Egbert, Roy Dean Bigham, Erma Gene Todd.

Back row: (L to R): Melvin Kiehna, Dale Illeg, Ethel Armstrong, Imal Smith, Erma Bigham, Maxine Turner, Marion Graskewicz,. Teacher:

BLAND SCHOOL

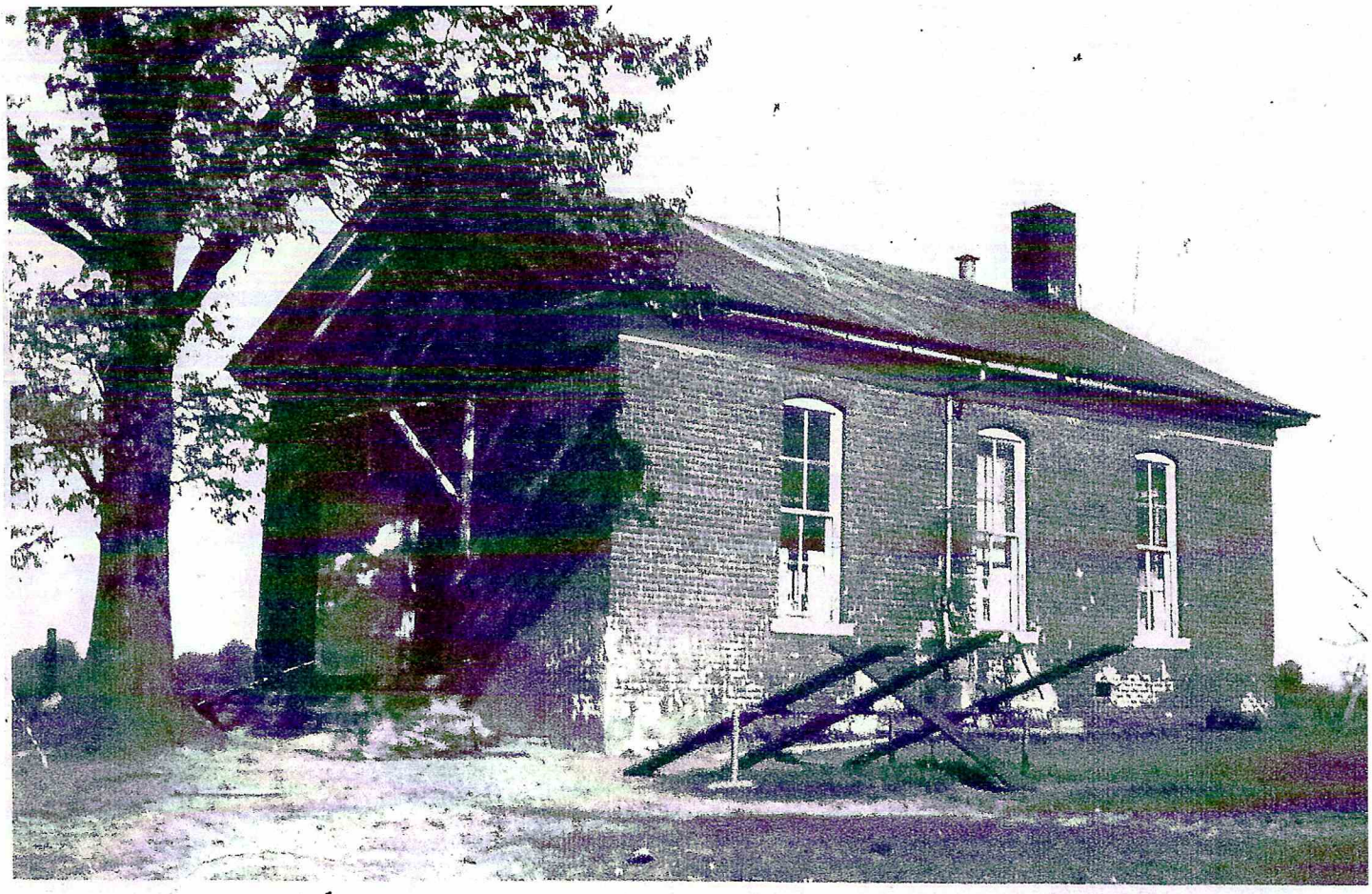
Tamaroa Precinct. – The Bland schoolhouse about five miles northeast from Tamaroa, was erected in 1832 or 33, and named after "Grandfather" Bland. First teacher was Jacob Walker, and the second teacher was 'Granddaddy" Johnson, who taught in 1834.

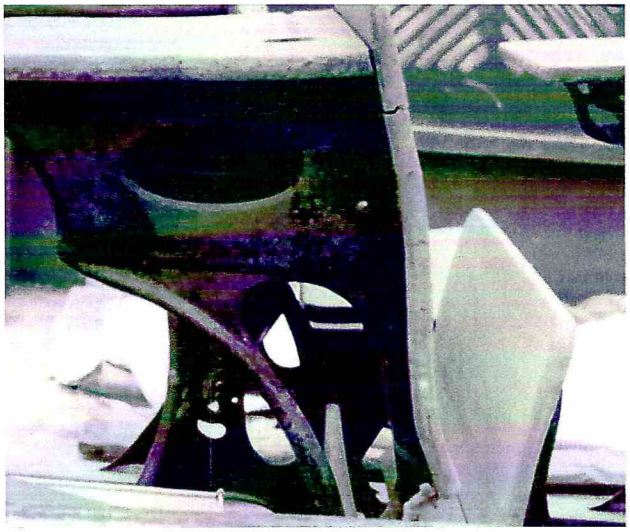
J. B roots, Tri-county history book 1883

Alexander Lane attended Bland School northeast of Tamaroa. He was born in slavery in Mississippi before the Civil War. His mother sent him north with a Union Army Colonel with the understanding he would receive an education. He graduated from Southern Illinois Normal University, now SIUC. He was the first principal of Carbondale's Attucks School. Later he moved to Chicago and studied medicine at Rush Medical School becoming a physician. Lane served in the Illinois House of Representative in 1906. He died in 1911 and is buried in Carbondale.

BRICK SCHOOL

District 51, Township 5-3, Section 26
Location: South of Pinckneyville.





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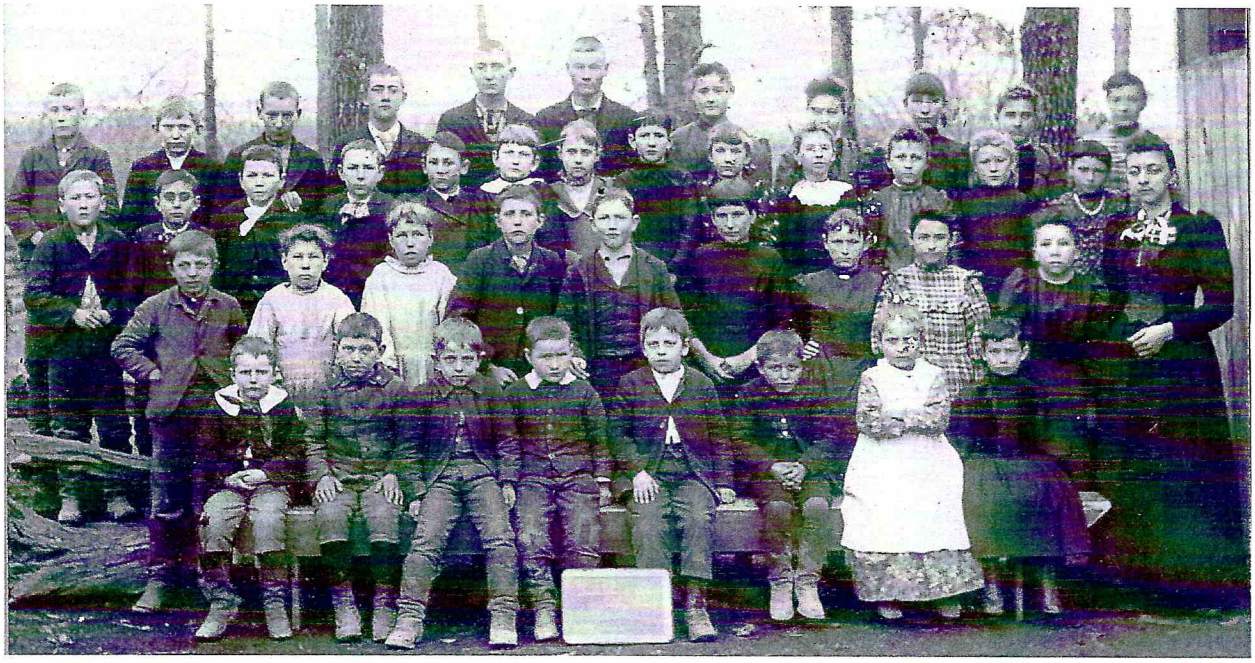
BRUSH PRAIRIE SCHOOL

District # 47, Township 5-3
Location: West of Pinckneyville on State Route 13



Brush Prairie

Teacher: Vivian Weiman
First row left to right: Marilyn Huth, Helen Fontana, Barbara Campbell, Jim Kiehna, Deanna Thornton, Georgia Yung, Carol Cunningham, Maxine Egbert, Patty Lunneman, and Marjorie Reith
Second row left to right: Bob Lunneman, Dean Kiehna, Roy Bernaix, Eunice Yung, Betty Bruns, Russel Kiehna, Cathy Yung, Bill Bruns, Carl Bruns, and Janice Bernix

Brush Prairie of Yesterday
By
Joe Fontana

Teachers in my era: Vivian Wieman, Dorothy Bauersachs, Inez Fay Ferrero, and later David Kroener, and Carl Birkner.

Students in my era: Bernaix, Bruns, Campbell, Carson, Cunningham, Dunn, Egbert, Fontana, Farthing, Giacomo, Kiehna, Luenneman, Reith, Schlager, Taylor, Yung, Margenthaler. After me: Thompson, Harrell, Rheinecker, Anderson. I am not sure about the Schlager spelling. The name was changed from Gerstenschlager, her name was Betty Ruth.

The basket dinner at Brush Prairie was happy and sad, you just had to be there. Sad because it was the last day of school.

CARR SCHOOL

District # 26, Township 4-2
Location: North of Todds Mill Church on Cowbird Road at the Washington and Perry County Line

Report of Carr School

For the month of ending October 19, school was in session 21 days. Enrollment 22. Those neither absent nor tardy were: Evelyn Todd, Zelma Dempsey, Helen Hale, Earl Rice, Helen Robinson, Ralph Reidelberger, and Vergie Hutchings. Leonard and Ralph Todd were absent one day. Vern and Verdie Hutchings were tardy once.

Lillian McIirath, Teacher

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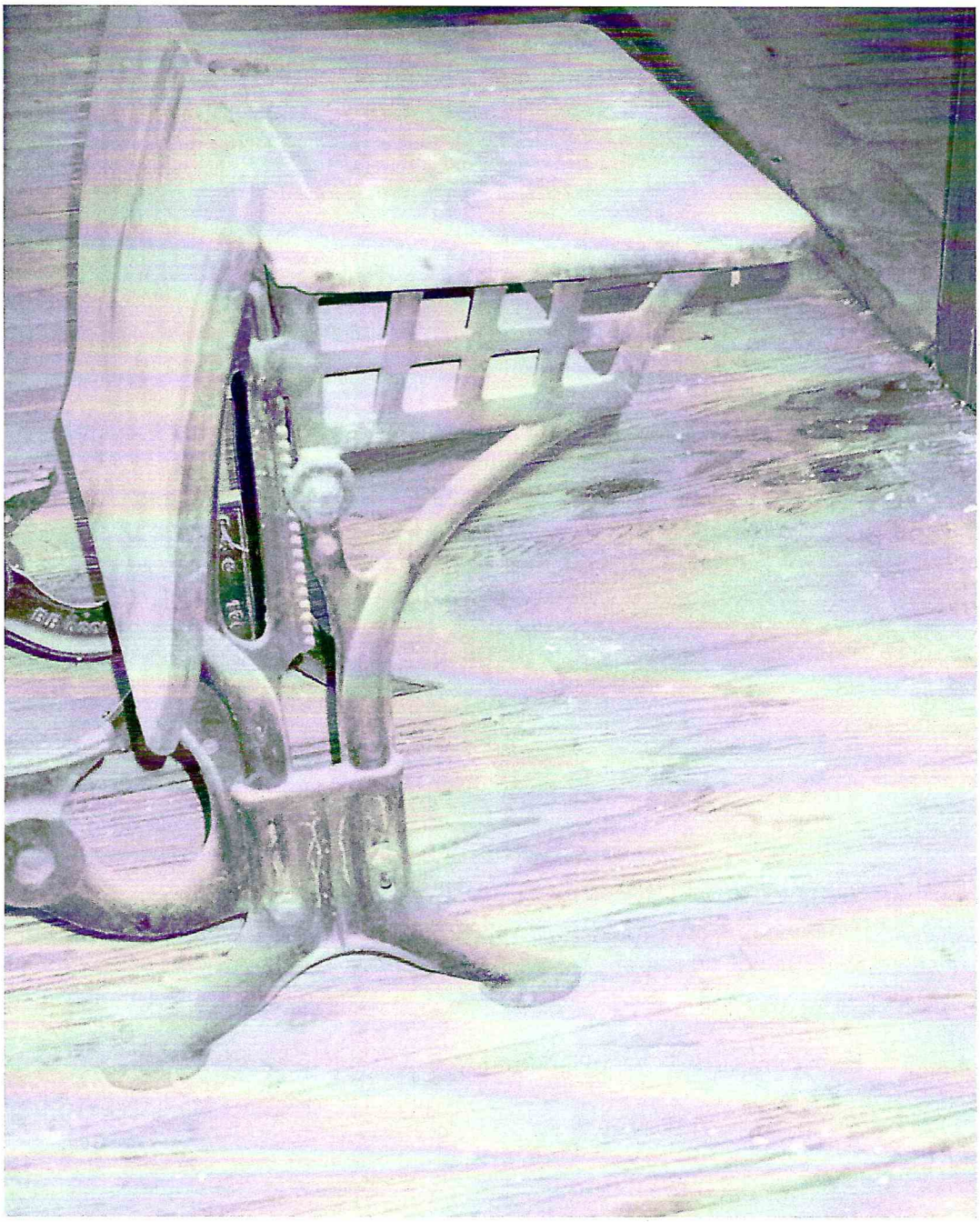


Carr School

School Days

I started to school when I was just past five. But I guess I knew as much as most first graders because I always sat on Etta Mae's lap and begged her to teach me. The teacher boarded with us that year and one event stands out clearly. One day in the fall or winter a big snow fell. My sister, the teacher and I were the only ones at school that day. We went through our regular classes all day just as though all of the pupils were there with us. It snowed and snowed all day and didn't quit.

Our teachers taught the alphabet first in those days, then came little three words such as cat, rat, dog, etc. Then she would put short sentences on the black board such as "The cat got the rat" or "The dog jumped over a log". Then we would copy these sentences on one side of our slate. On the other side of the slate we would copy these sentences on one side of our slate. On the other side of the slate we would copy down o9ur number lesson from the blackboard. Then the teacher would gather up all the slates and grade them.

Reading was my favorite subject. I was soon in the second McGuffey's reader. One of the stories that I remember was about Ralph Wick, a mean boy who teased his sister and burned her doll. How I cried about that doll. Another story was about the little girl that fought off the wolves with a wooden spoon. And the poem that I liked best was about the white kitty.

Once there was a little kitty
White as the snow.
In the barn he used to frolic.
A long time ago.

In the barn a little mousie
Ran to and fro.
And he heard the kitty coming.
A long time ago.

Two soft paws had the kitty
Soft as the snow.
And they caught the little mousie
A long time ago.

Nine pearl teeth had little kitty
All in a row.
And they bit the little mousie
A long time ago.

When the teeth bit the little mousie
The mousie cried out "Oh".
Bit he slipped away from the kitty.
A long time ago.

There was an interesting poem about a spider in the fourth grade McGuffey's reader that started like this:

The spider wears a plain brown dress
And she is a steady spinner.
To see her quiet as a mouse
Going about her silken house.
And you never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner.

Carr School

Another poem that I liked was "The Merry Brown Thrush"
There's a merry brown thrush sitting up in a tree.
He's singing all the day, little girl, little boy.
Oh, the world's running over with joy
Don't you know, don't you see? Hush! Look in my tree.
I'm as happy as happy can be.

The merry brown thrush sings away in the tree.
And he sings all day to you, to me.
Don't meddle, don't touch, little girl, little boy.
Now, I'm glad, now, I'm free
And I always shall be if you never
Bring sorrow to me.

So the merry brown thrush sings away in the tree.
And he sings all day to you and to me, to you and to me.
And he sings all the day, little girl, little boy.
Oh, the world is running over with joy.
But long it won't be, don't you know, don't you see?
Unless we are good as good as can be.

In those days whenever you could keep up with a group, that was the grade you were in. So I skipped the third reader in the following way. Pa was school director and brought home the bos of new books in the summer before school started in the fall. These books were stored at the foot of my mother's bed. But whenever I could, I would slip away from work and read in the third reader. I had almost finished this reader when my sister, Emmy, discovered my secret. She slapped my legs so hard that I thought I was killed. At any rate, I was cured for that time; but not before I had completed the third reader on my own. So when school started my teacher saw that I would have no studying to do, so she advanced me to the fourth reader.

The old Carr school building was a one room affair and was heated by a big, old box stove of heavy cast iron. The wood was prepared for this stoved by men hired to cut and cord it between two tress. This wood was brought in and stacked inside the school near the stove where the children had to constantly walk around it. Before school started in the fall, the school directors would clean the building thoroughly; but thereafter it was up to the teacher to keep it clean. Sometimes she would hire a boy for a dollar a week to sweep and carry wood.; but the dirt and dried mud would often be so bad that she had to sprinkle the floor with water to lau the dust while she tried to sweep.

There were not colored paper nor crayons work to decorate the walls. But colored shmac leaves were brought in and were used to cover cardboard letters. I can still see the way the words "Welcome" and "Merry Christmas" looked as they were pasted on the walls. At Christmas time we brought in a Christmas tree and decorated it with popcorn, colored paper chains, and candy treats.

When our teacher passed back our slated, we erased them by spitting on them, we busily swiped away with our sleeves until the slate was clean. But Anne Rice and I were too nice to do this. We carried a little bottle of soapy water made by shaving up a little toilet soap; and with a cloth we would spend a lot of time cleaning our slates until the teacher would notice that we weren't busy. If the pupils were adding up their lesson in Arithmetic such as 4+4=8, we would peck four times, ten four more times, then count the pecks. It was really interesting to hear a room full of kids pecking away at their slates.

The only paper that we had to use for our schoolwork was the white foolscap that we used for examinations. It had a red line down one side for a margin. The first tablet and pencil that I had was about the time I quit school in the eighth grade. I kept this tablet with my lessons in it for a long time.

Carr School

The teacher always reported our grades to the parents on a card somewhat larger than a post card. Grades were "Satisfactory", "Good", and "Poor". These cards came out once a month and everyone tried for good grades. My poorest subjects were Arithmetic and History.

On Fridays after the last recess we often had ciphering and spelling matches. The teacher would line the whole school up in front of the room with the top class at one end. As we missed words we were passed up by those who could spell them. One day I was near the foot of the line when a word came all the way down the line until it got to me. I spelled the word and passes to the had of the class much to the surprised of the big kids at the head of the line. Andrew Rice was so tall as he stood at the head of the line so surprised at me that his face got red as fire. He was so smart that he never missed a word ad if he made the slightest mistake of any kind, his red face always gave away his embarrassment. I think the word that I spelled was "niece". I didn't care much for ciphering matches; but many pupils did who liked to cipher and wok problems. The teacher would test them with problems as hard as she thought these pupils were equal to.

When we were in the fourth or fifth grade, our Geography text was a map of the United States. This saved our parents a lot of money since this was one schoolbook that they would not have to buy. We put in a lot of time learning the states and capitals, the principal cities, rivers, etc. we weren't as strictly graded as children are today. I took Reading, language, physiology and spelling with the older kids, but had to be with the "B" Arithmetic class until I got to the eight grades. I don't know whether I could have graduated or not because that winter circumstances at home cause me to quit school.

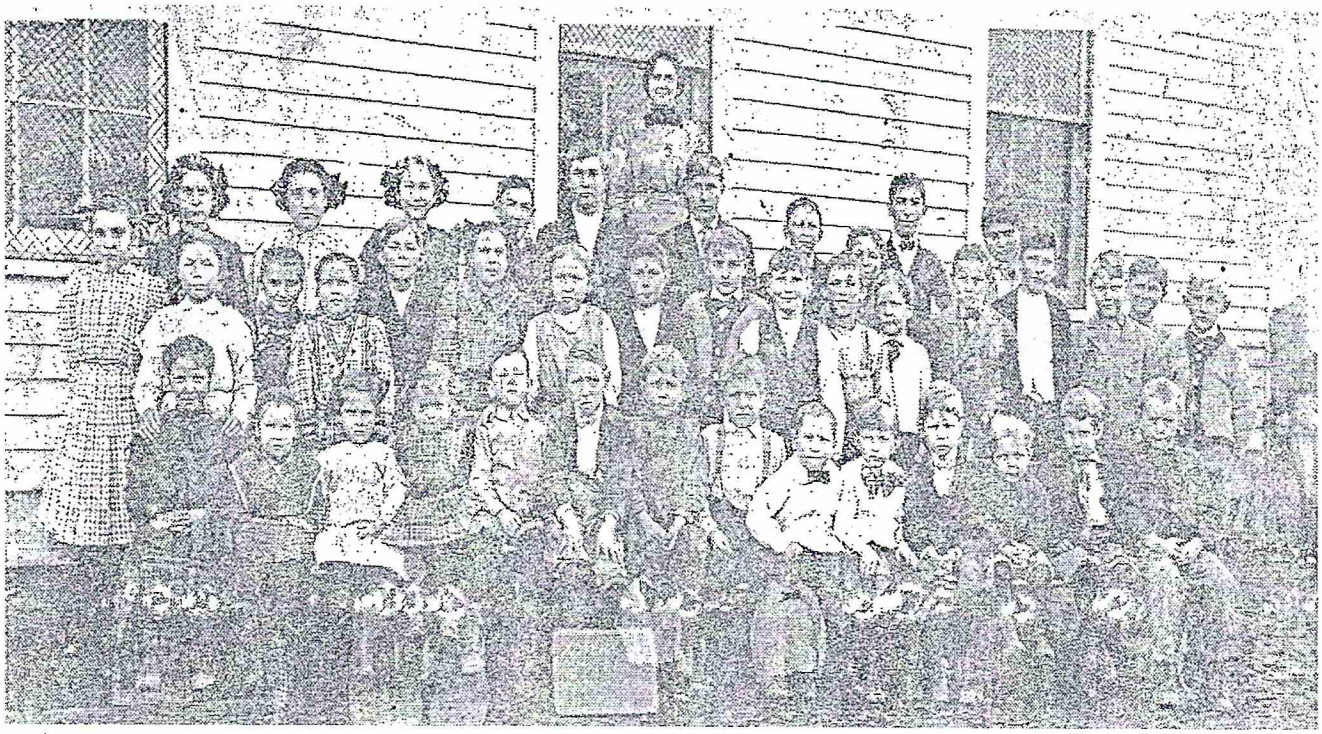
School Days Continued

CORGAN SCHOOL

District #6, Township 4-1
Location: North of Tamaroa on Route 51
Land for the school site was deeded December 2, 1868 by Zebbie Curlee

CROSS SCHOOL

District 28, Township 4-2
Located: Six miles north on White Walnut Road



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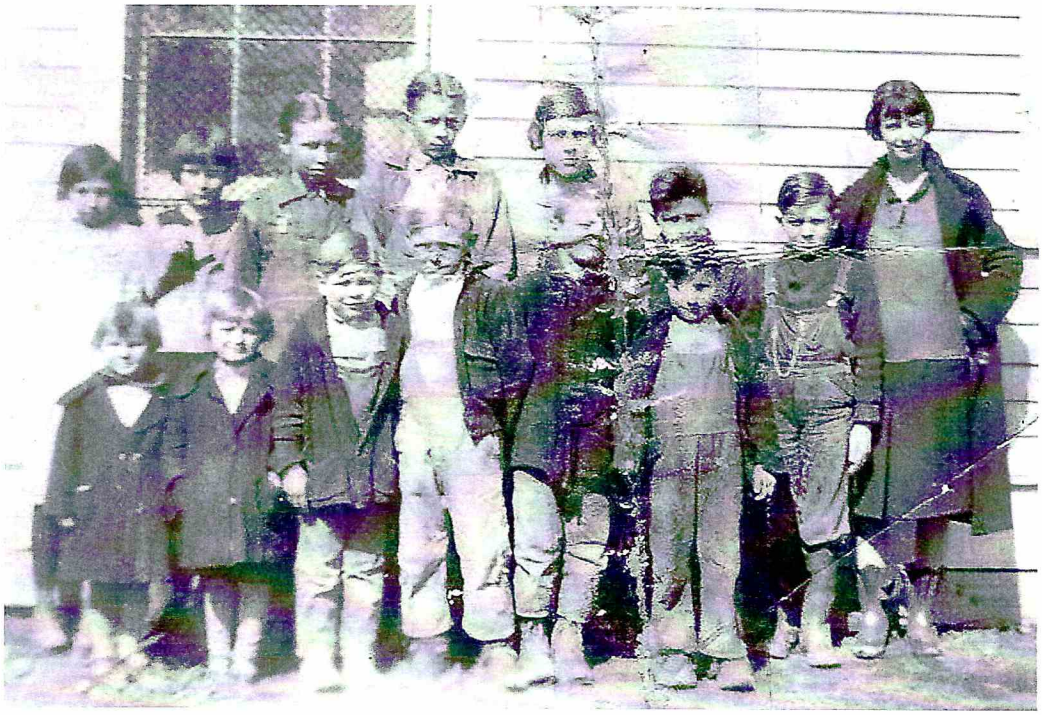

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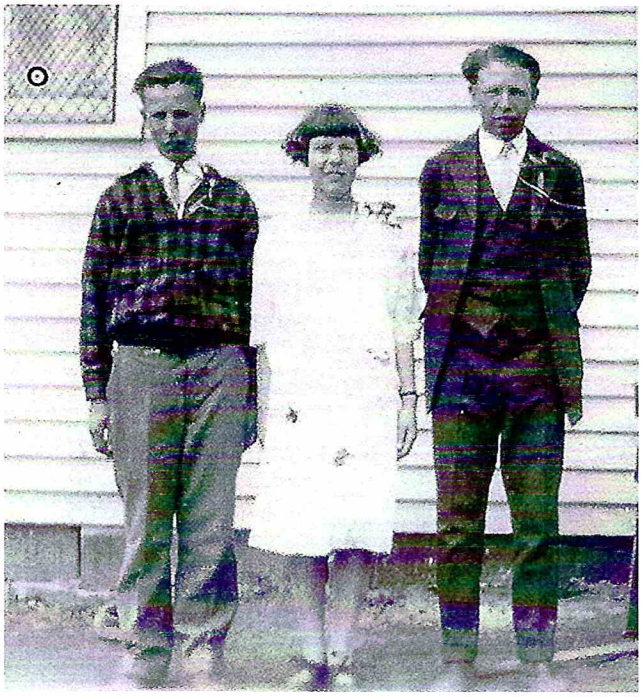
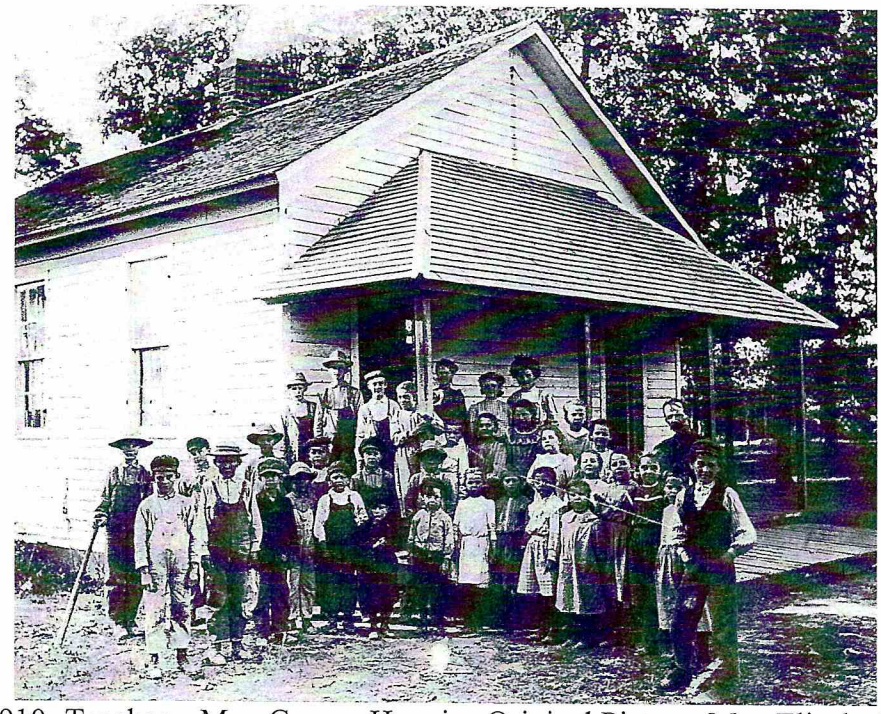


1925 Cross School graduates
Left to right: Tilman Feltmeyer, Mildred Frazer Wolfe, and Lester Feltmeyer

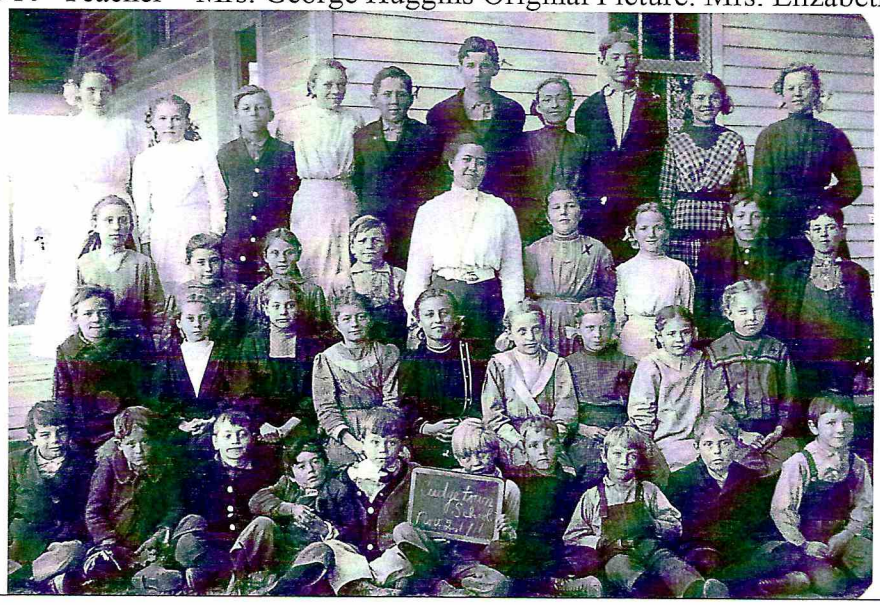
Cross and White Walnut 1925 graduates.
Left to right: Elmo Feltmeyer, Mildred Frazer Wolfe, Lester Feltmeyer, Iva O'Neil Miller, Tilman Feltmeyer, and Helen Barber.

CUDGETOWN SCHOOL

District 37, Township 6-2
Located: Northwest of Du Quoin and southeast of Pinckneyville



Class of 1909-1910- Teacher – Mrs. George Huggins Original Picture: Mrs. Elizabeth Emling Winter



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Third row: ____ Queen, Emma Kennedy, Grace Bird, Annie Stein Schneider, Annie Pundsack Harsy, Carrie Yato, Cecelia Linze, [unknown], and Elizabeth Emling Winters.
Fourth row bottom: Carl Stein, ____ Foutch, [unknown], ____ Foutch, [unknown], Oscar Linze, [unknown], [unknown], Truman Kennedy, and [unknown].

Cudgetown School

1908-1910
Teacher: Mr. George Huggins
Emling Family: Elizabeth, Clara, Julious, Emma, Maude, John, Fred, Edward, Charles, Frank

Teacher: Cleta Dickens
First row top: Clara Emling, Laura Linzee, Julius Emling, Margaret Yato, Adam Keiner, Herman Keiner, Martha Linze, Frank Stein, Osa Foster, Dorothy Queen

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Cudgetown School

Cudgetown School
Taken February 3, 1928

Front row: Carl Bahre, Scott Pheiffer, Bill (Willie) Seibert, Everett Greer, Aaron Greer, Russel Greer, and Henry Keiner.

Second row: Jake Morgenthaler, Emma Emiling, Helen Eaton, _____ Moore, Ruth Bahre (Ibendahl), Lilly Bird, Iva Bird, Elizabeth Bahre, Anna Eaton, Myrtle Walker, Herman Linsey.

Third row: John Linsey, Hazel Wafford, Marge Dry, Helen Linsey, Elizabeth Harshey, Louise Harshey, Elizabeth Moore, Ruth Eaton, Carolyn Bahre (Greer), Mildred Keiner (Hirsch), Lloyd Pheiffer._____ Rmilinh, Hazel Morganthaler, Earl Moore, and Loren Bird.

Photograph and information provided by Jo Ann Parsell

Cudgetown School 1935-36

This photo ran as part of Wednesday's edition. The names of the students and teacher were not available at that time. Leona Fulk Benbenek of 329 E. Park, Du Quoin had attended the school—which was located in the southern part of Perry County near Du Quoin— and had an original photo and remembered most all the students pictured. Pictured are: First row (l-r) Harsy (first name unknown), Charles Smith, Sam Phillips; Second row (l-r) Marie Huggins, Evalyn Huggins, Bessie Phillips, Edwin Huggins, Veneta Brown, Beulah Greer, Raymond Bird; Third row (l-r) Earl Queen, Morris Eaton, Charles Bahr, Wilson Eaton, Carl Bahre, Ed Whitson, Hilda Smith, Ruth Whitson; Fourth row (l-r) Lillie Bird, Olyn Carson, Viola Fulk, Everett Greer, Harry Whitson, Leona Fulk, Irene Huggins, Imo Huggins. The teacher is Mary Timpner Greer. The Huggins Children's grandfather, George Huggins, was a teacher, as well as Sherley Milner and John Glen.

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Cudgetown School

2 pupils are enrolled, average daily attendance 22, Pupils neither absent nor gardy during the month ending October 6th are: Maurice Dry, Wm. Bahre, Thomas Bird, Earl Bird, Carl Stein, Bertha Bird, Elizabeth Linze, Anna Stein, Gertrude Linze, Lorena Linze, Ollie Foster, Tillie Harsy and Grace Bird. Pinckneyville Advocate October 15, 1915

Graduation Exercises Held Wednesday at Cudgetown Church

The commencement exercises for sixteen graduates from Slawson, Cudgetown, Woodard, Walker, Ozburn, Matthews, Kimzey, and Shakerag rural schools in Township 6-2 was held at the Cudgetown Church Wednesday evening April 26, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Mawthe offered the invocation and pronounced the benediction, and County Superintendent J. Wesley Neville presented the diplomas and gave the graduation address.

Graduates are Cudgetown – Wilma Moore, Virgina Queen, Samuel Phillips.
Slawson – Opal Roberts
Walker – Joan Alvis, Gladys Struck.
Woodard – Margaret Schinder, Wilford Den Heumann.
Ozburn – Betty Timpner.
Matthews – Merril Winters.
Kimzey – Phyllis Cook, Joe Bathon, and Herman Buschashulte.
Du Quoin Evening Call, Friday April 28,1944

Bonita (Winter) Knight

It was around 1938, I was 12 and my younger sister Delores was six. Each day regardless of weather we made to trip to Cudgetown School about two miles away from our farmhouse. It was too for two young girls to walk so our dad provided us the finest transportation available to two country girls, a pony we named Bally. 0241ext to the schoolhouse our day built a little barn to house the pony while we were learning our lessons. At one time there were four students' ponies housed in the schoolhouse barn.

One particular winter day it was bitterly cold. We bundled up and our dad loaded us onto Bally. He wrapped a blanket around us and off we went to school. We got closer to the schoolhouse and were very happy to see the smoke rising from the chimney. The teacher and her assistant had arrived early and gotten the fire started so the classroom would be warm for the students. 0181aintenance was part of the teacher's job, main the fire, bring in the wood, carry out the ashes, and sweep the classroom.

When I went to climb down from Bally, I found I was literally frozen to the pony. The teacher's friend had to unstick me and helped me and Delores down. We hurried inside to gather around the pot belly stove to warm up. The teacher's assistant put Bally in the barn. Like many winter days, we learned our lessons and our teacher taught us as we sat in a circle around that warm stove.

Winter gave way to spring. I'm sure we rode to school in many rainstorms just as we rode to school in snow and cold. Bally was a pacer horse, riding him was like sitting in a rocking chair. One day we had a mishap. A man came out to the road and startled the pony. He reared up sideways and dumped his young passengers to the ground. I saw a hoof come down straight toward my face but luck was with us and Bally missed my face. The man felt terrible, he didn't mean to frighten the pony. Once he dumped us to the ground, Bally had stopped a few feet away. Any other pony would of have run off but he was standing there and the man helped us back onto the pony and we continued on to school.

I graduated high school in 1944 and entered SIU in the summer. My first job was teaching at the Cudgetown one room schoolhouse. I taught for four years. I remember the students being very nice and always polite. Those were the days, if you got into trouble at school your were in twice as much trouble when you got home. Parents, friends and neighbors were always very supportive of the little school. They were always eager to help if we needed anything. Ball had been long since retired and I

drove my car to the schoolhouse. One neighbor hauled a load of rock to make a parking spot for my car. Another parent chopped and stacked firewood. Lots of support from the little community.

In addition to the children's studies the school sponsored lots of activities. Christmas plays and pie suppers always very popular. The girls would bake their pies, the apple, the pecan, the raisin and they would put the pies in pretty boxes they'd decorated. Each box would be tied with a ribbon and sold to the highest bidder. The highest bidder got to sit and eat pie with the girl who baked the pie. All money collected to buy sports and playground equipment for the school.

One of my vivid memories of the one room school was the day the children and I looked up from lesson and smoke coming from house. An ember from that morning's breakfast cooked on the old wood stove had caught roof on fire. It certainly paid to live close to the school that day. The children and I ran to the pump and got water and helped put out the fire. I was kept busing cleaning the schoolhouse, very dusty after the fire.

Time passed and I met and married my husband. We lived close to the school and I continued to teach for two years until we took jobs at the packing plant in Du Quoin and bought a house near there. With the new chapter in my life, that ended my days of teaching at the little one room schoolhouse in Cudgetown.

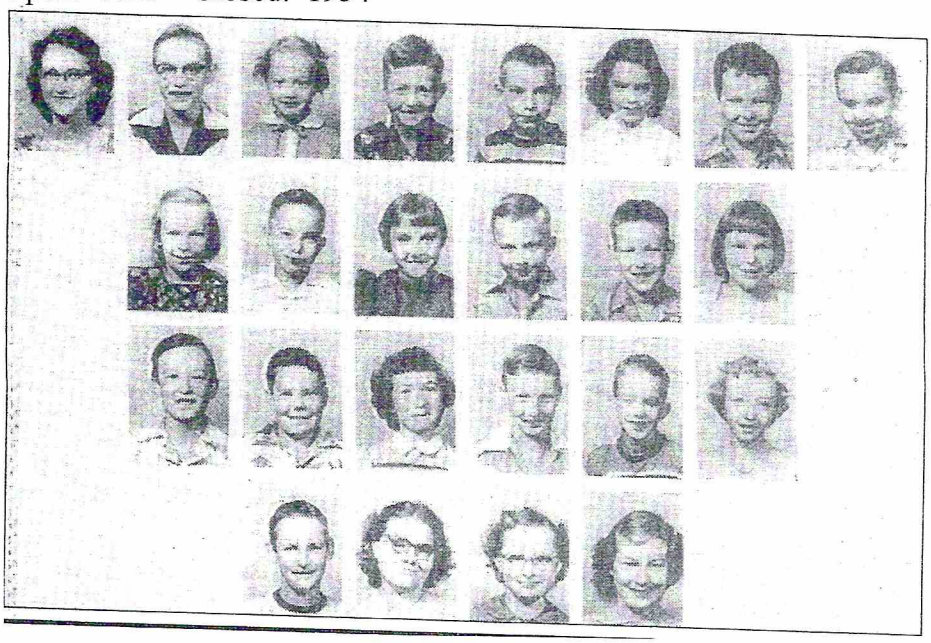
Cudgetown School
Leona Fulk Whitson Benbenek
June 15, 2017

Cudgetown School was located northwest of Du Quoin about 5 miles. It was one room with a few double desks for bigger students. I was in 5th grade. My teacher, Mary Timpner for 2 years, she married William Greer and moved away. The next teacher Shirley Milner (male) taught for 1 year, then John Glen until I graduated. The year 1938 we didn't have a graduation ceremony because of scarlet fever around and people were quarantined. In 1936 when my sister graduated the teacher took all of us to the woods to pick wildflowers for the decorations at the church, which was across the road from the school. She also made corsages for the girls to wear. In 1939 my brother and I both had scarlet fever.

After my sister graduated I walked mile and half by myself, about ¾ of this was through a woods. I saw many small animals, foxes were around a lot. At the time I was very afraid of them. There was also a slope mine close to Cudgetown Cemetery which was owned by brothers named Burnett lived on Route 14. Close by was a creed which in a heavy rain would flood the road past the mine. A friend, Genevieve (Jones) Jakle and I rode a western pony through the water, sometimes the pony had to swim it was so deep.

DENMARK SCHOOL

District #69, Township 6-4, Section 23
Location: ¼ mile west of Denmark
Open: 1825 Closed: 1954



Presented here is the Denmark School students with the class of 1953-54. Pictured in the top row are: Jean (H) Campbell, Neil Lindner, Lilia Bradley, Tom Heine, Gary Smith, Sue Harding, Edward Dean Mohr, and Jerry Griffth; Second row: Mary Mohr, Benny Smith, Bernice Moore, Leon Moore, Larry Heine, and Deloris Mohr; Third Row: Melvin Miller, Joe Harding, Donna Heine, Allen Lindner, Willie Griffth, and Ruth Ann Mohr; and Fourth Row: Robert Mohr, Lavonne Moore, Mary Joe Mohr, and Janet Heine.

Pinckneyville Advocate October 20, 1911

Denmark School Report

For month ending October 19. Enrollment 29, average attendance 27. Those neither absent nor tardy were: Elbert and Enos Bradley, Lawrence Neola, and Jessica Connor, Gracie Cottom, Earl and Edith Hallbawer, Laura Henson, Eddie Knop, Harvey Mitchell, Alice and Ezra Tessler, and Clementine Weihn.

School Report

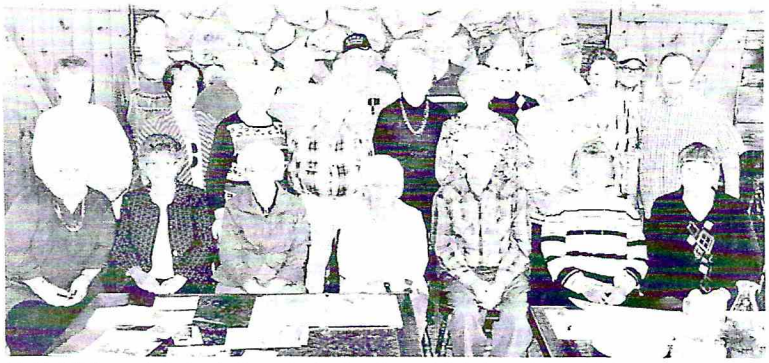
Report of the Denmark school for the month ending December 21, 1913. Enrollment 23. Average daily attendance 19. Those neither tardy nor absent for the month were, LeRoy and Ruby Bigham, Florence Benedict, Juanita and Neoln Conner, Kenneth Uhles, Cletus Cottom, Lora Henson, Erle and Erna Hallbower, Edward Knop and Clementyna Wiehn. Those missing one day were Harvey Mitchell, Floyd Conner and Ezra Tessier. Alice Tessier was a bsent one-half day.
O. L. McIlrath, teacher

Pinckneyville Advocate, December 26, 1913

Remembering Denmark School

Another school to be presented in the Union School is Denmark School. Denmark School is located in Perry County. The first Denmark School burned before 1936. The students then attended school in the Denmark Church. Until the late 1930's another school was built. When children graduated from the eighth grade they went to Denmark Church (Union School included) and held the graduation. Denmark School closed in 1954. Some of the students then went to Cutler School.

Denmark School Reunion



A total of 23 former students and a former teacher from Denmark School attended a multi-class reunion at the Pioneer's Cabin on Nov. 7. The one-room schoolhouse, located one-fourth mile west of Denmark was open from 1825 until 1954. Attendees had a chance to enjoy a social hour, where they chatted over old class photographs followed by lunch. Above: A group of former Denmark School students pose for a photo. Those in attendance include Jean Campbell of Cutler, Denmark School's last one-room school house teacher. Those in attendance included Bernice (Mohr) Mathis, Fleeta (Higgerson) Jackson, Marilyn (Higgerson) Luehr, Lowell Mitchell, Darlene Mitchell, Marilyn Martin, Richard Heine, Margaret Tucker, Mary Greer, Mary Chaney, Kathleen Giacomo, Deloris (Mohr) Bender, Tommy Higgerson, Bill Higgerson, Robert Mohr, Dean Mohr, Teddy Bird, Donna (Heine) Moore, Larry Heine, MaeDell Campbell Klemme, David Egbert, Ruth Ann (Mohr) Plymale, Lenora (Higgerson) Fox, and Bill Higgerson.

Above: Lowell and Darlene Mitchell of Coultersville look over old class photographs from with Margaret Tucker of Colombia. Right: Five graduates of Denmark School share in camaraderie during a school reunion at the Pioneer's Cabin. Lenora Fox of Murphysboro and Margaret Tucker of Colombia stand behind Kathleen Giacomo and Mary Chaney of Marion and Tommy Higgerson of Christopher.

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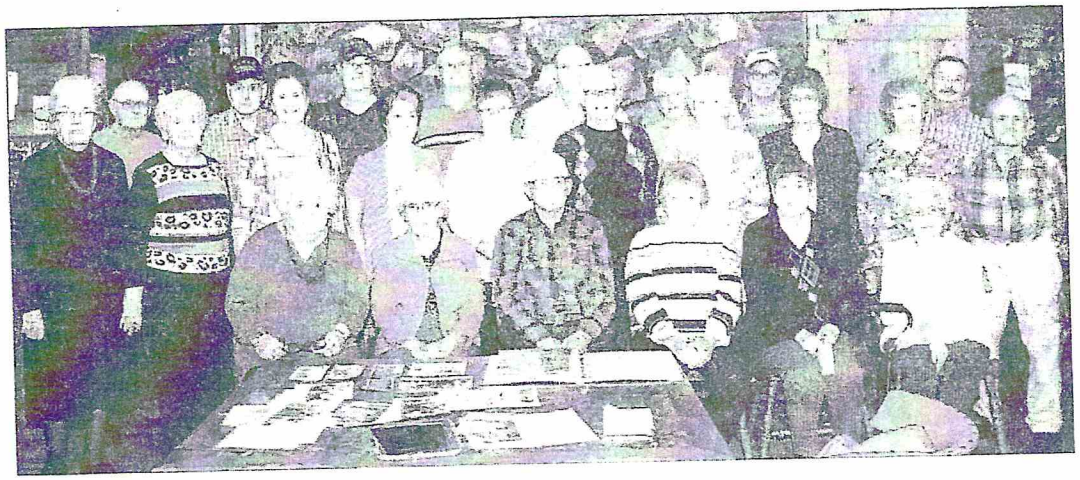


Denmark school reunion

Former students of the one-room school at Denmark southeast of Cutler met at Pioneer's Cabin in Willisville November 7 for a reunion. The school was built in 1825 and held classes until 1954, when the students were moved to the Cutler school. Those at the reunion attended the school from the period of 1933 to 1954. Seated from left are Bernice (Moore) Mathis, Marilyn Luehr, Lowell Mitchell, Darlene Mitchell, Marilyn (Heine) Martin and Jean (Hallbauer) Campbell. Second row: Kathleen (Higgerson) Giacomo, Lenora (Higgerson) Fox, Margaret (Higgerson) Tucker, Mae Dell (Campbell) Klemme, Donna (Heine) Moore, Deloris (Mohr) Bender, Mary (Mohr) Greer, Fleeta (Higgerson) Jackson, Mary (Higgerson) Chaney and Tommy Higgerson. Back row: David Egbert, Bill Higgerson, Larry Heine, Robert Mohr, Dean Mohr, Ruth Ann (Mohr) Plymale, Teddy Bird and Richard Heine.

DE VINNEY SCHOOL

District 66, Township 5-4
Location: North of Cutler
Opened: 1866 Closed: 1950

History of DeVinney School

On November 18, 1840 land Perry County, Section 32 was deeded to Moses Braden. This is he first record where it was deeded from the government to an individual. This plot of land was sold to James and Mary J. DeVinney in 1842. On January 6, 1866 a plot of land (just under an acre) was deeded to the trustees of school district #3 for the amount of $10. This was deeded to the school district from Janes and Mary J. DeVinney. Sometime later the district became #66. As far as I know only one school building was ever built; the one I attended. It consisted of one large with two coat room of the entry, windows all across the south to give lots of light, there were fewer windows on the north to help keep out the cold north wind. Pupil's desks faced the west making the south light come over your left shoulder. In days before electricity this was important. Additional ground was bought and the schoolground was enlarged giving room for a ball diamond.

School was held at DeVinney continuously through the 1949-50 school year. In 1950 seven rural schools were consolidated to from Community Consolidated #205 Lost Prairie School that was built on the north side of State Route 154 about a mile east of the intersection with route #150. The schools that consolidated to form Community Consolidate School #205 were: Buersachs, Kraft, North Six Mile, DeVinney, Richmond, Jamestown, and Lost Prairie Schools.

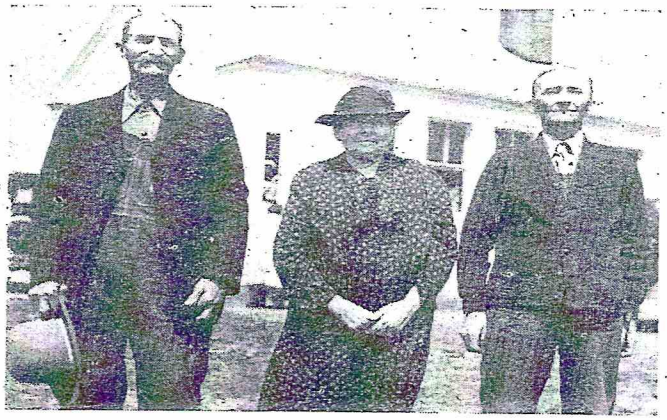
During 1950-51 school year classes were held in the Jamestown school because the new building had not been completed. The first year in the new 205 building was the 1951-52 school year. Anne Brown Tabing was among the first teachers that year and taught eighth grade.\

DeVinney School 1937-38
Front: Lela Hindman, Dolores Gladson, Gayle Cleland, Betty and June McIntyre, and Edward Hindman
Back: Eula Hindman, Lucille Mcintyre, Lis Alexander, Martha and Doris Cleland, June Hindman, Hald Hindman, Teacher, Florence Smiley, and

De Vinney School

DeVinney School 1944 to 45
Back row: Anne Brown, Robert Estes, Marshall McIntyre, and August Selle
Front row: Virginia Selle, Martha Brown, and Albert "Buck" Selle

THE OLD AND THE NEW AT DEVINNEY SCHOOL



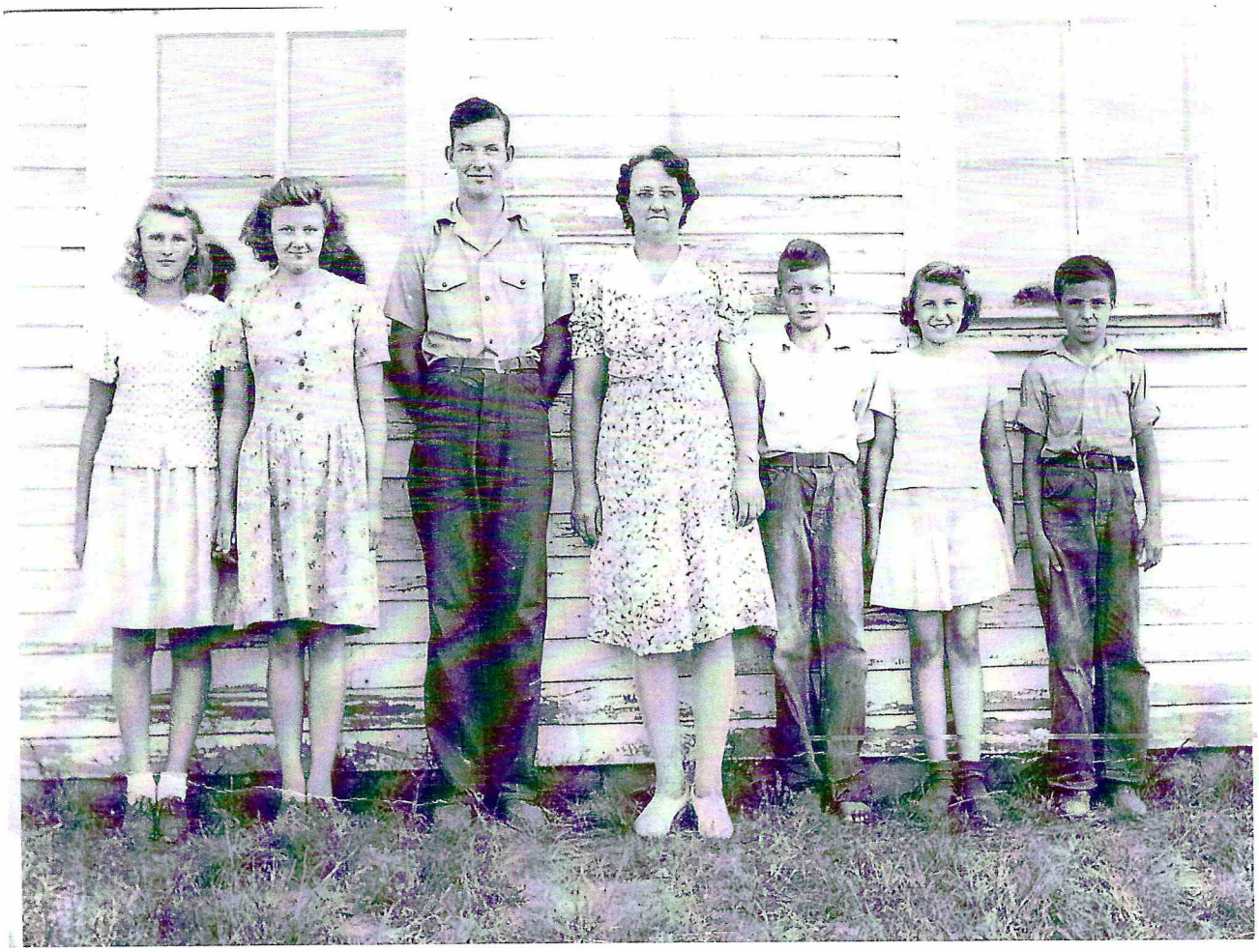
DUNCAN SCHOOL

District 41, Township 4-3
Location: West of Suchomski Implement Rice.

Duncan School picture 1942-43

Back row: Violet Hubler, unknown, Paul Dean Hoffman, Doris Nehring, Charlene Hutchings, George McKinstry, Jimmy Hunter, Virginia Hubler, Louis Dean Dempsey, Tommy Millikin.
Middle row: Mary Ann Hubler, Gladys Hubler, Fredia Jones, Anna Mae Hubler, Jenny Lee Dempsey, Jackie Jones, Ilene Hoffman, Helen McKinstry, Betty Hubler, Mary Lyn Hutchings, Betty Millikin, unknown, Thelma Millikin.
Front row: Alva Dean jones, Dallas Hill, Lee Hill, Linda Lee Jones, Shirley Hubler, Myrtle Hubler, Leona Jones, Bobby Hubler, Bert McKinstry, and Bobby Jones.

Duncan School



EAST LYNN

District 7, Township 4-1
Location: East of Tamaroa.
(no information)

EBENEZER SCHOOL

District 21, Township 6-1
Location: East of Du Quoin

Newspaper Ebenezer School

Graduation exercises for seven pupils will be conducted at the Ebenezer rural school near this city with W. M. Maxton delivering the address.

Du Quoin Evening Call, Harking Back April 13, 2017 reporting on April 3, 1942

The Community Parent Teacher Association of the Ebenezer rural school met last night with 23 members and two guests present and elected the following officers for he coming year: Georgia Stanhouse, Arline Maxton, Lottie Day, and Emma Davison. Ebenezer teachers Ted Morgan and Mrs. Gussie Rogers, presented a program. Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. John Shurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Pink Boyett, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, Lester Stanhouse, Mr.
and Mrs. Bill Day, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Davison, V C. R. Maxton, V Ralph McQuaid, Mesdames Gussie Rogers, Harry Flauaus, Ed Greenwood, Raymond Drumm, William Clark, and Evaleen Popham and Ted Morgan and two guests, Mesdames w. J. Flauaus and Bob Holland.

Du Quoin Evening Call, March 29, 2017 reporting on March 29, 1939

Ebenezer School
By
Leona Fulk Whitson Benbenek

Ebenezer School was a two room L-shaped building. I was in the first, second, third, and fourth grades until October 1933 when we moved.

My teacher was Elizabeth Corden for first and second grades, she married and Edith Stevens York taught third and fourth but I don't know how long she taught at Ebenezer. We had a pump outside for water and had our own cup for drinking. For our lunch we had a dinner bucket, lard bucket, or a paper sack to take to school. There two outdoor toilets, one for girls and one for boys.

Ebenezer School was east of Du Quoin at the corner where Jackson Street goes past a short distance, east of Old Du Quoin blacktop road.

Ebenezer School

Teacher James Newton, Alice Olgesby, Louise Felts, Alta Woodyard, Geraldine Foster, Maurice Reidleberger, Louis Klinkheart, Hazel Fanning, Virginia Manion, Carlie Clark, Ruth Clark, Imogene Perryman, Eileen Woodyard, Lillian Manion, Doris Greenwood, Wiley Fergeson, Herb Sherer, Delmar Reidelberger, Marion Anderson, Jack Greenwood, Glen Fulk, Marlie Turner, George Allen Foster, Willard Felts, Johnny Ferguson

Ebenezer School

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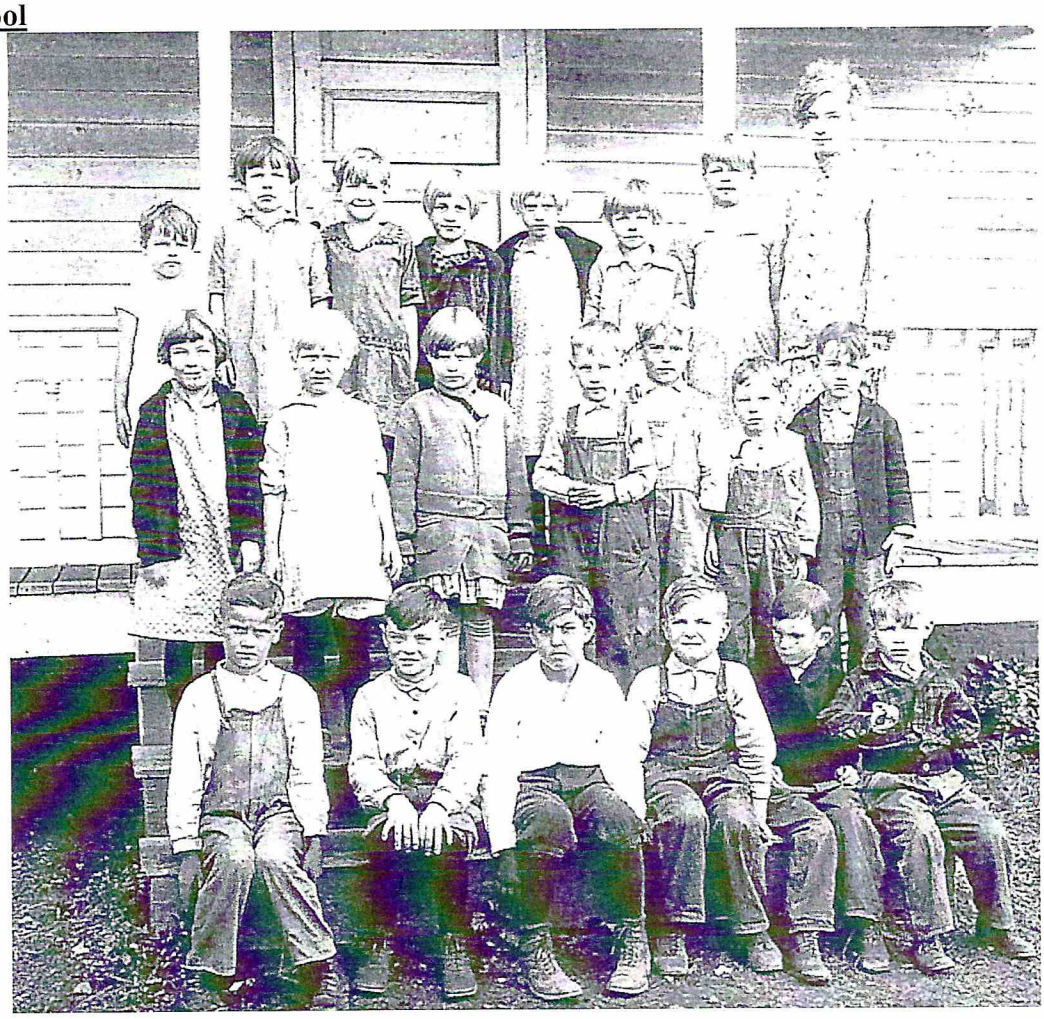
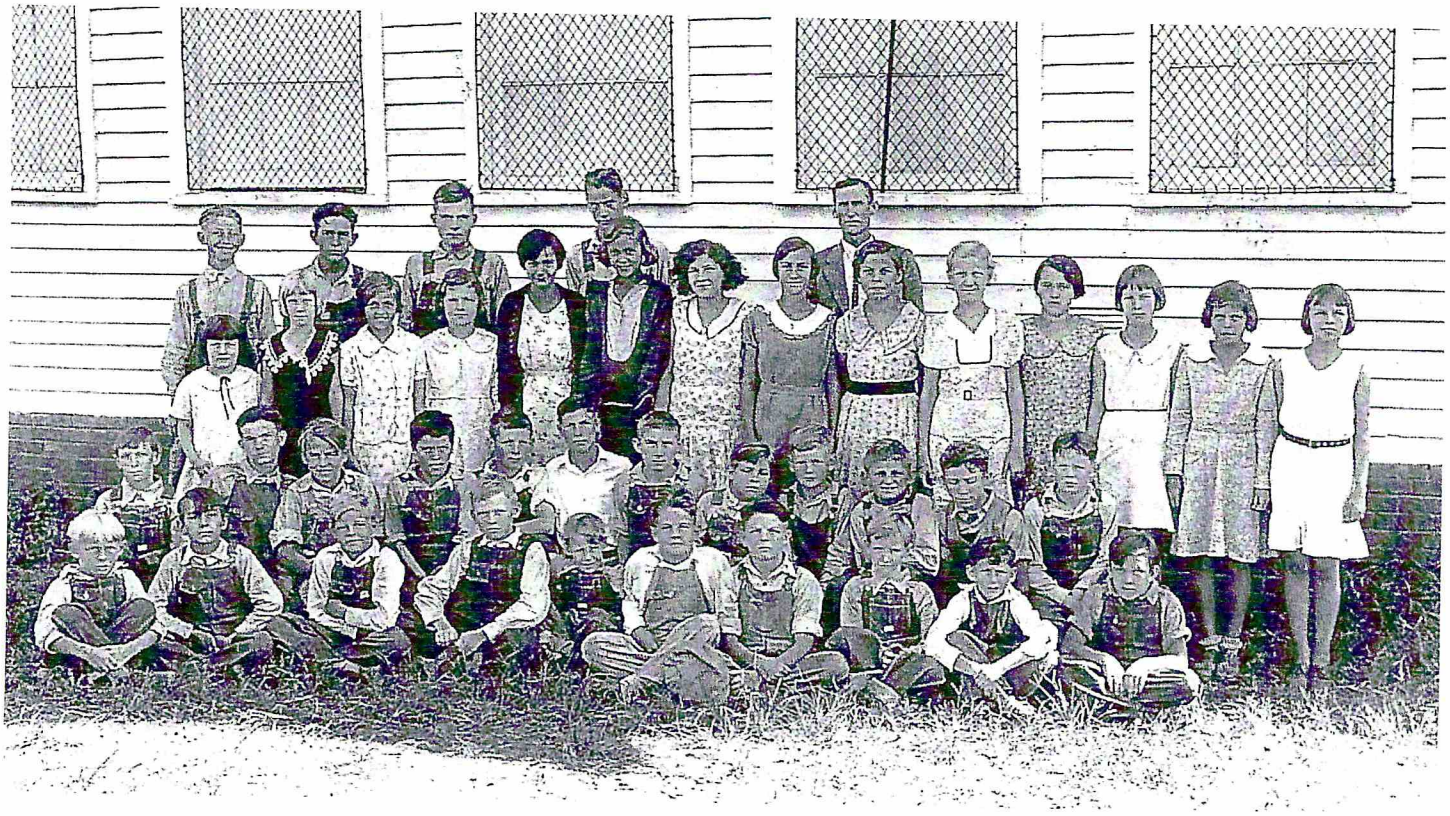


Ebenezer School



EICHHOLZ SCHOOL

District 45, Township 4-3
Location: North of Pinckneyville near Swanwick Creek on Illinois Route 127

Mrs. Armeaddie K. Rice, retired Du Quoin school teacher, has been honored by the Educational Council of 100 "for an outstanding contribution to education in Illinois." Mrs. Rice received a certificate of recognition from the council at a dinner at the University Center, Carbondale, on June 14. Mrs. Rice served as teacher in John B. Ward School for 18 years, and principal for three years before accepting a position in Decatur in 1949. She previously taught in the Eichholz and Walker rural schools, Sunfield School and McKinley School. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from SIU and a master's degree from Colorado State College of Education.

Du Quoin Evening Call, June 27, 2016. Harking Back 50 years, June 27, 1966.

Pie supper and entertainment at the Eichholz School, Wednesday night December 21. Everybody come.

Pinckneyville Advocate, December 16, 1915

In 1942 I finished my third grade at Eichholz School. Then in 1942 for my fourth grade I went to Cross School, also my fifth and until the fall of my sixth grade. My family moved south of Pinckneyville where I finished my sixth, seventh, and eighth grades at Walkenhorst School. I didn't like being in with all of the older boys. When I went to the public school we were all of one age. As far as I know none of the schools are still standing.

Submitted by Charlotte Hoffman, 3786 S. Shenandoah, Pinckneyville, IL 62274

Pie Suppers
by
Flossine Schrader

In many one room schools it was traditional to hold a pie supper to help finance the school district and teacher plus it provided a community event for the entertainment of the area. These pie suppers were usually well attended and good way to involve the young people in meeting other area residents. A special home baked pie was put into a gaily decorated box. It was supposed to be a secret which pie belonged to which young woman. Young men hung around outside and in the background and tried to make a mental note which young woman brought which box. If a young man bought a pie it was to be eaten with the young woman after the it was sold. Usually a member of the school board was asked to be the auctioneer, or someone with the gift of gab. Sometimes the teacher provided entertainment such a skit or singing. There were also cake walks added for fathers to try to win a cake for the family to take home. Politicians took advantage of these events to drum up some votes with the adults present.

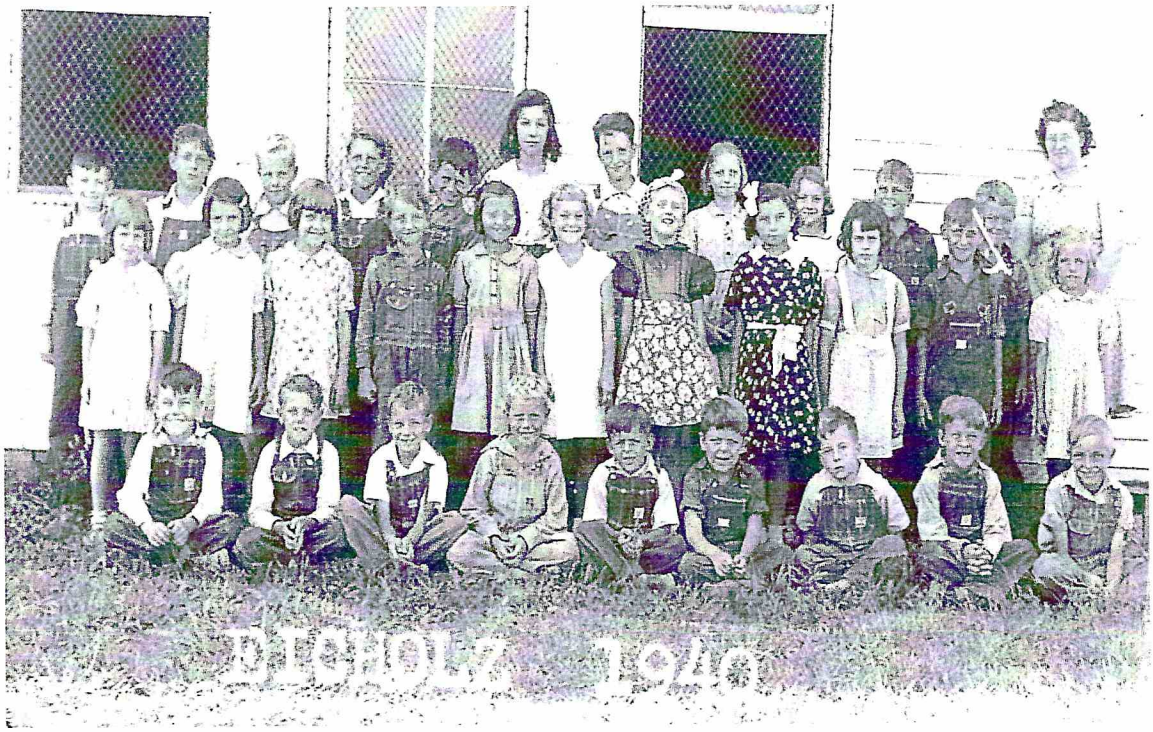
One account of pie suppers in Perry County were recorded in 1946 when a young Perry County man, Edwin Schrader attended a pie supper at the Bigham School on October 2, and reported that their whole family and they had a big crowd attend. Edwin had a good time but didn't buy a pie. One-week later Edwin attended a pie supper at Van Brunt School on October 9. "Wasn't a real big crowd, but his sister got a prize for having the best decorated box." Edwin was talked into buying his younger sister's pie, as she was shy. Edwin said "Judge Horner from Pinckneyville was mingling with the crowd to seek votes for the fall election." On October 27, a pie supper was held at Richmond School near Conant where there was a large. Edwin commented that the little grade school kids were playing Halloween pranks during the affair by soaping the windows on cars parked in the schoolyard. Edwin said that he did not get inside until the auction started (perhaps making a mental note of the pie box he

may wish to purchase?). On November 6, he drove sisters and a neighborhood teacher who knew the teacher at Eicholz School that year. There was an amusing put on by some "outsiders" it was told and it was hilarious. The crowd road with laughter and it was a pleasant event for those attending. Box suppers were sometimes substituted for the pie suppers to change the monotony and provided the evening meal for a lucky couple who ate it before going home. The school district gained some funds for the coming school year and some new friendships were formed.

Eicholtz School

Eicholtz School

Front row: Clara Marie Baudison, Lewis Kellerman, Dean Ferrerro, Katherine Ballheimer, Joe Baudison, Phyllis Miller
Second row: _____, Don Milliken, Pete Ruffino, Edward Kellerman, Carl Millikin, Louise Kellerman Verna Ruffino, Bobby Baudison, Jim Hensler.
Back Row: _____(Bros.), David Owens, James Owens, Jesse McCrary, Francis Ballheimer, _____.Teacher: Inez Fay Geistdoerfer.
Eicholz School



ELM SCHOOL

District 16, Township 5-1
Location: Two miles east of Route 51on the Kimmel Road.

Teacher, June (Neville) Clark.
Back row: Virginia May Brock.
Third row: Raymond Lappin, Dorothy Smith, and Shirley Elaine Brock.
Front row: Gay Wright, Alice Lappin, and Patsy Brock.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

District 57, Township 4-4
Location: North of Winkle

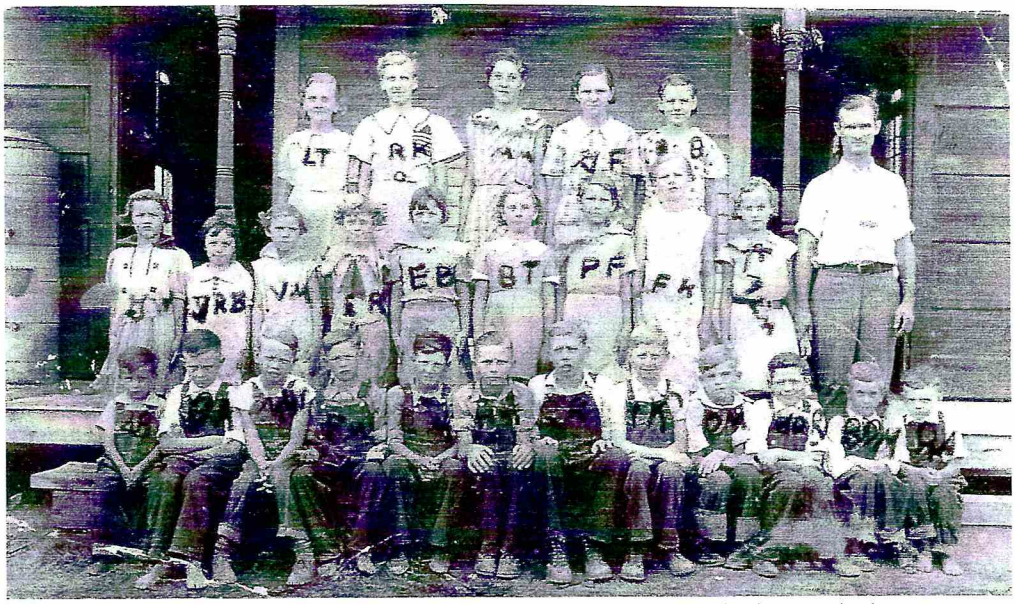
Franklin School Class Of 1911

This week we again go back to 1911 for a school picture. The group here is the Franklin school class. The

Ernest, Charley Thomas, May Maxwell, Geo. Thomas. Second row, Adolph Guenther, Marie Boyle, George Max-

GREENBRIAR SCHOOL

District 14, Township 5-1
Location: Sesser Road Route 154.



First row: Elmer Bates, Donald Asbury, M. Woodsides, Finis Merkel, Clyde Merkel, Herman Krone, Charles Ragland, Virgil Krone, Delmar Merkel, George Dale Ragland, Benny Murry, and Roy Asbury.
Second row: Gloria Woodsides, Junita Bates, Virginia Merkel, Elaine Ragland, Edna Bates, Betty Thompson, P. Foster, Florene Krone, and Mary Lou Murry.
Third row: Loraine Thompson, Ruth Krone, Martha Merkel, G. Goer, and Arcada Bates.

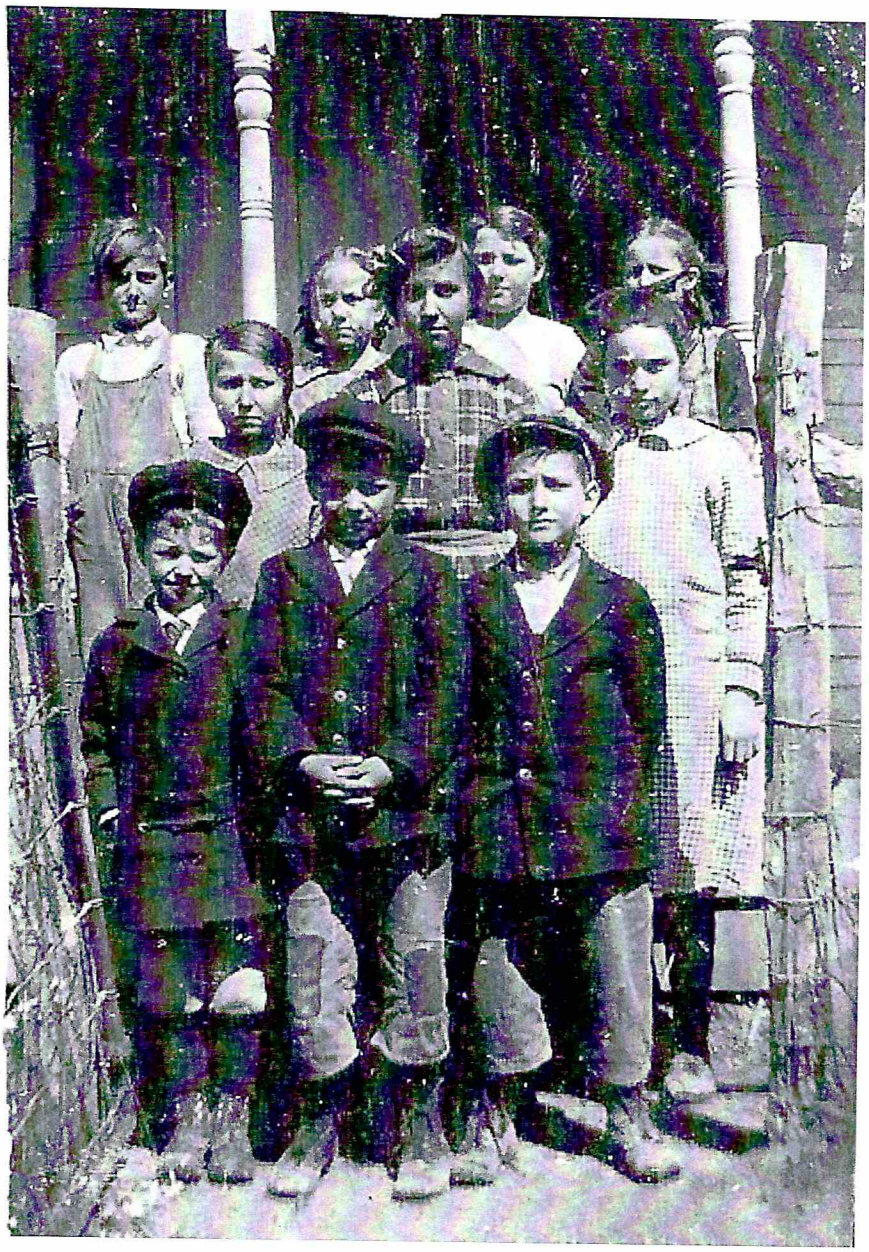
Teacher, Mr. Cros

HICKORY KNOLL

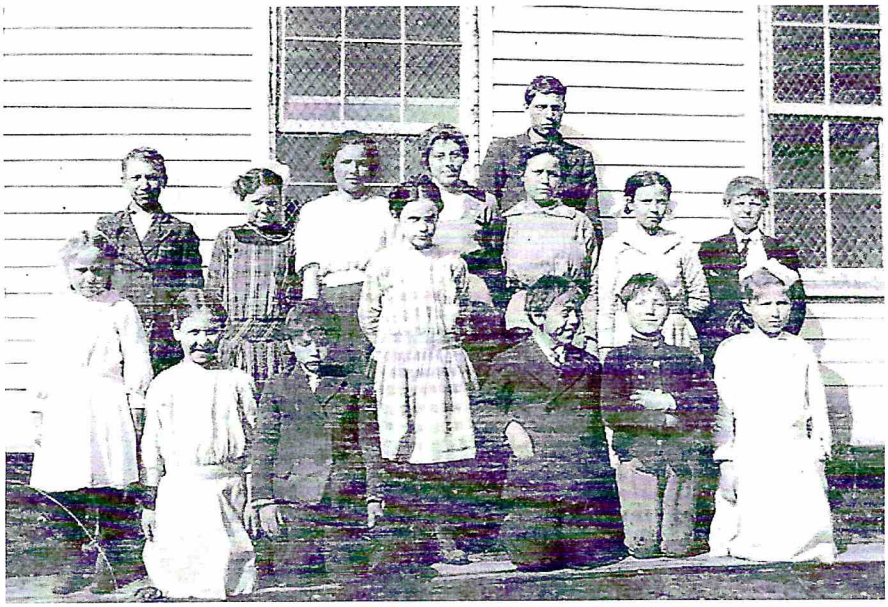
District 4, Township 4-1
Location: On US Route 51, one mile south of Perry and Washington County line.

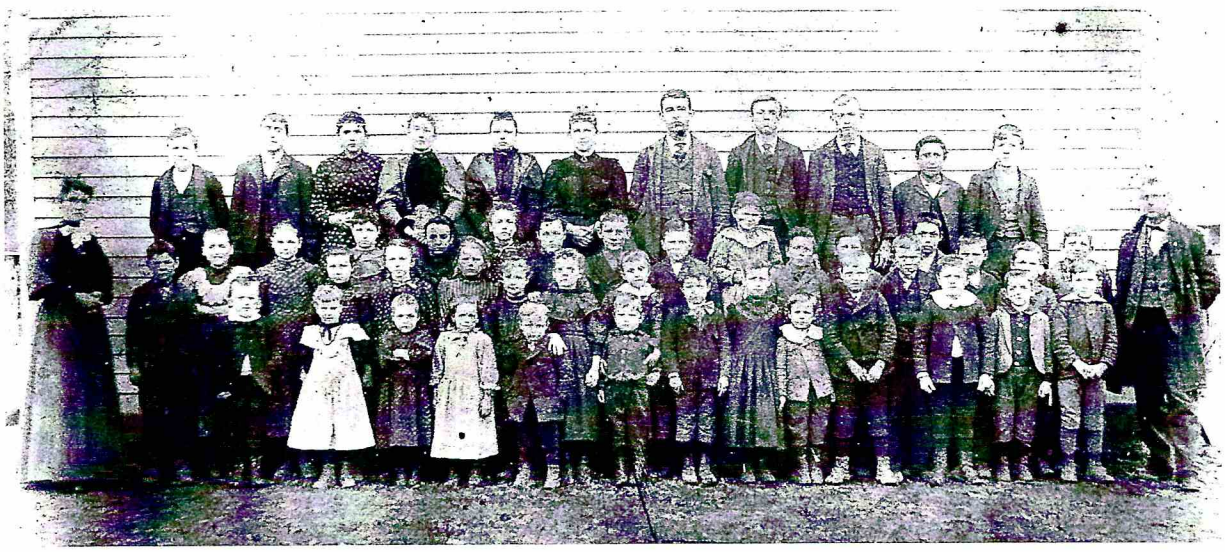
School Report
Pinckneyville Advocate December 26, 1913

Report of the Hickory (Grove sic) school for the month ending December 19, 1913. Enrollment 20. Average daily attendance 13. Those neither absent nor tardy were: James Warren, Mervin Warren, Leslie Marlow, Wilks Marlow, Emery Keith, Herbert Marlow, Billie House, Mary Marlow, Florence Keith, Fern Hester, Geraldine Holden, Beulah Keith, Irene



Hickory Knoll





HIGH BANK

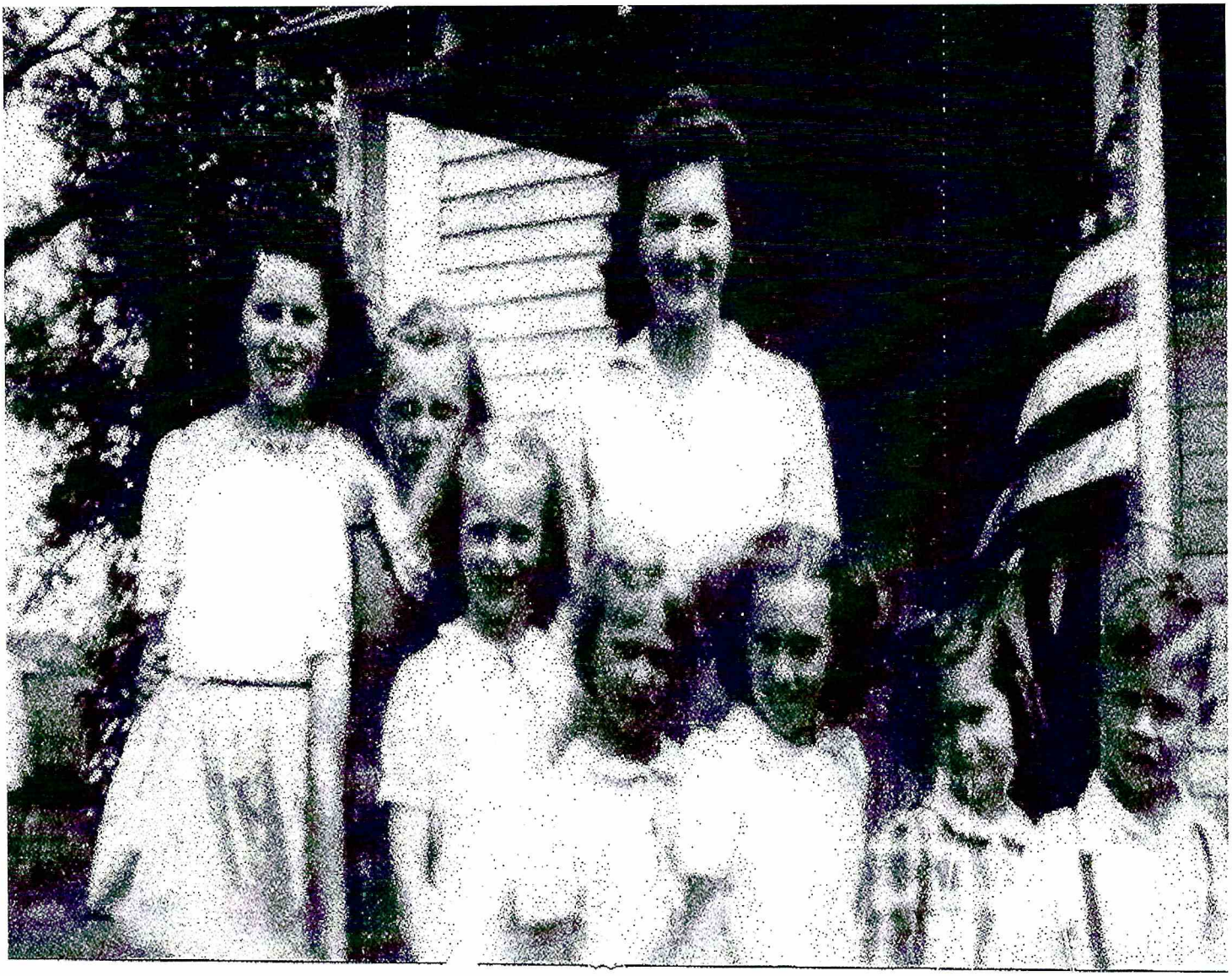
District 22, township 6-1
Location Green's Market Road east

Eighth grade graduation class of High Bank School 1934
Left to right: Karl Plumlee, Wilma McMurray, Wayne McMurray, Suzanne Bunton, Virgil Flint, Delcie Little, John Little, Josephine Liska, and Osa Huggins, teacher.

Bobby Saunders	Leon Huggins	Josie Dennison
Ronnie Neville	Jerry Hallis	Jean Dennison
Mary Waller	Emma Dennison	Martha Waller
___ Hollis	Ellen Funkhauser	Billy Waller
Jo Ann Richerson	Lester Norris	Orvile Dennison
Tommy Waller	Russel Phillips	
Cuma Funkhauser	Richard	
Mrs. Bertha Heape	McChastier	

HOPEWELL SCHOOL

District 3, Township 4-1
Location: Northeast of Tamaroa



Bernice Wepiewski Fairell, Marie Liszewski Wilga,
Virginia Mydler Wyciskalla, Lillian Dudek Bemis, Essie Eater Riead, Rose Mary Boezek Berger, and John Liszewski

Regina Wepiewski Grabowski

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN (Private)

Location: Lost Prairie, west of Pinckneyville on Route 154

Attendants of Log School Building at Lost Prairie at Immanuel Luthern Church Reunion Circa 1940 | Est. 1867

1.
2. Kate Schwarz Brune - Geo.
3 Bertha Kraft Brune - Fred
4
5 Henrietta Schrader Pick - Hy
6 Minnie Beck Wagner - Theo.
7 Mathilda Pick Beck - John
8 Christina Beck Roethe - Otto
9
10 William Paasch
11 Theodore Wildermuth
12
13 Clara Pick Beck - Martin
14 Emma Wildermuth Schwarz - John
15 Alvina Wildermuth - Theo
16 Bertha Beck Wildermuth
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19 Theodore Wagner
20 Martin Beck
21 Carl Beck
22 Fred Brune
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24 John Beck
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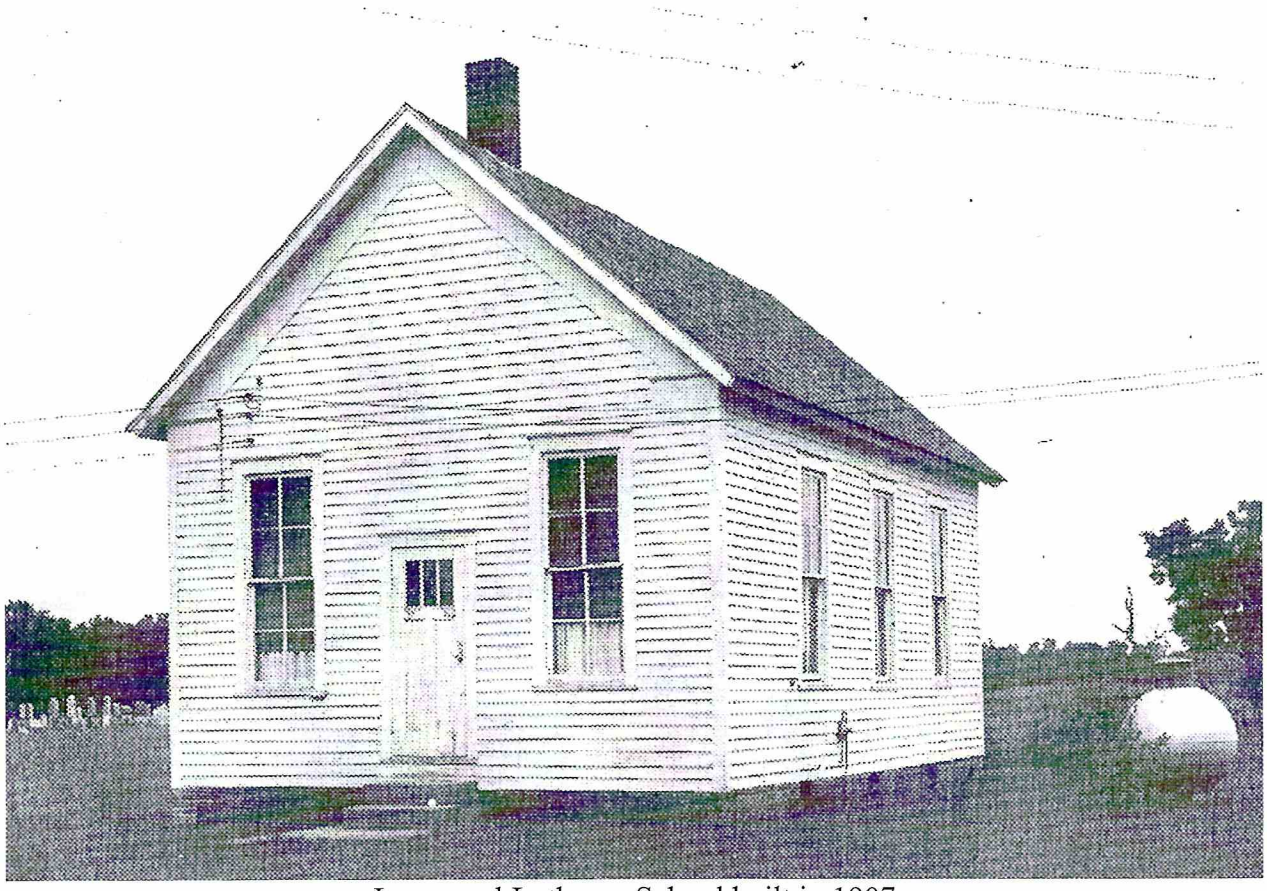
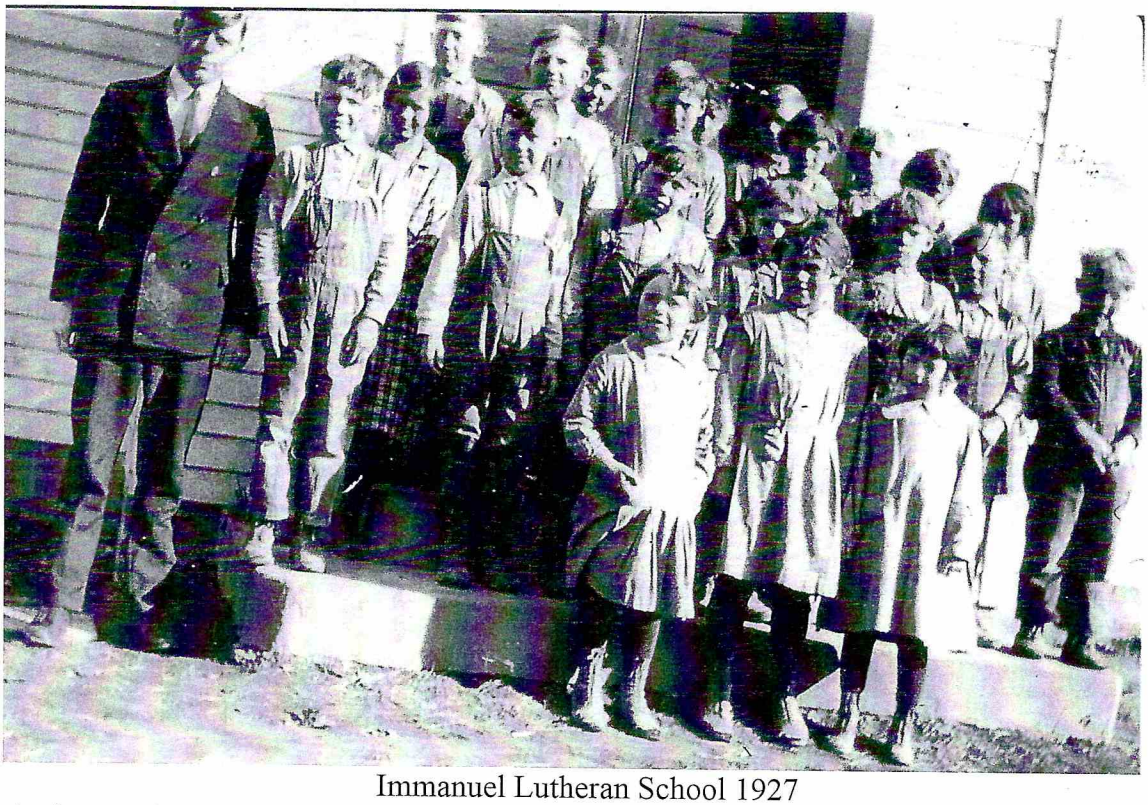
Original Cabin for Immanuel Lutheran School



Immanuel Lutheran School built in 1907



Immanuel Lutheran School 1927

Three girls in front: Florence Beck, Lucille Beck, and Clara Schwarz.
Second row: Re. Martin Clausen, Elder Beck? Christina Mayer, Herbert or Walter Wildermuth, Edward Paasch, Clarence Woehlke, Laurence Woehlke, Le Roy Beck, and Robert Schwarz.
Back row: Albert Schwarz, Rev. Wilbert Mayer, Beck, Hildegarde Wagner, Gerhard Schwarz, ? ?

At Immanuel School in Lost Prairie, Circa 1940
Herbert W. Woehlke peddling to school at Lost Prairie

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Trinity Lutheran Church School of Conant 1937-38.
Teacher is William Bornemann, seminarian at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis before graduating to become a pastor.
Back row: Wilma Schrader and her brother Edwin Schrader, a 1938 confirmand.
Front row, left to right: Beulah Mayer, Loraine Beck, Anita Schaudt, Kenneth Beck, Arnold Beck, and William T. Schrader, brother of Wilma and Edwin. The classroom was a small room on the south end of the church. The pastor roomed with a family who had a room for him. He was under the guidance of the installed pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lost Prairie, the mother church. Trinity was built in the late 1890's and dedicated in 1897. It has been twice damaged by tornados and the Immanuel Church was completely destroyed by a tornado its centennial year in 1967, one week before Christmas. It has never been rebuilt.

1935

Edwin Schrader, Milton Mayer, and Raymond Beck dressed for a school Skit at the Trinity Lutheran Parochial School in 1935.

IRELAND SCHOOL

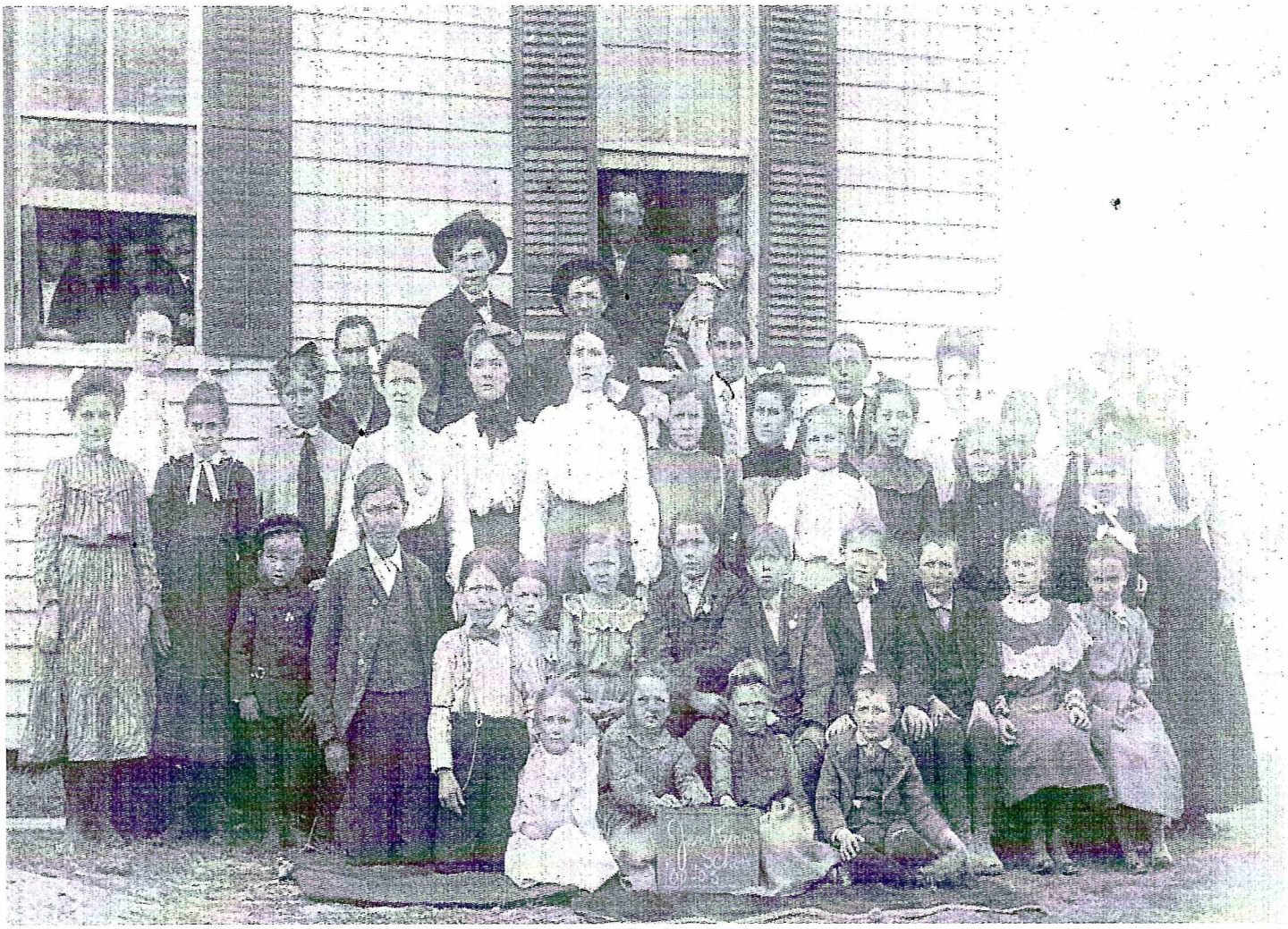
District 59, Township 4-4
Location: West of Swanwick
(no information)

JAMESTOWN SCHOOL

District 34, Township 5-4
Location: Jamestown
(no information)

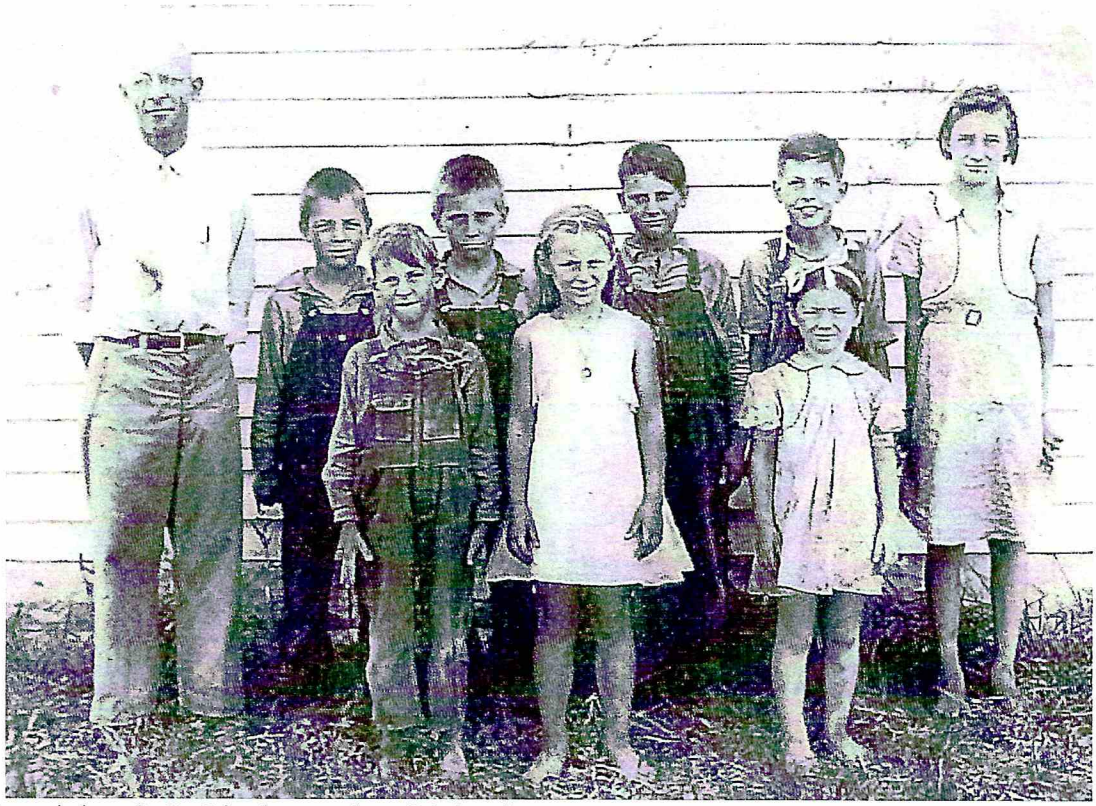
JENKINS SCHOOL

District 56, Township 6-3
Location:



Last day of school 1905.

Jenkins School



Back row left to right: O. P. Lively, teacher, Richard Moore, Don Moore, Harward D. Carrol, ___?, Goldie Moore.

Front row: Raymond Carrol, Vernice Lipe, and Ruth (Lipe) Fisher.

KELLERMAN SCHOOL

District 42, Township 4-3
Location: North of Pinckneyville and west of Rice.

Kellerman School

KIMZEY SCHOOL

District 52, Township 6-3
Location: Southwest of Pinckneyville
(no information)

KRAFT SCHOOL

District 64, Township 5-4
Location: near Cutler

Correction! Guy Hamilton, Center Row on ~~Teacher~~, Fred Caupert, Teacher, Tom Emmett Arnold, Clyde F, Lizzie H, Otto C, Anna C & Blanche Fulton

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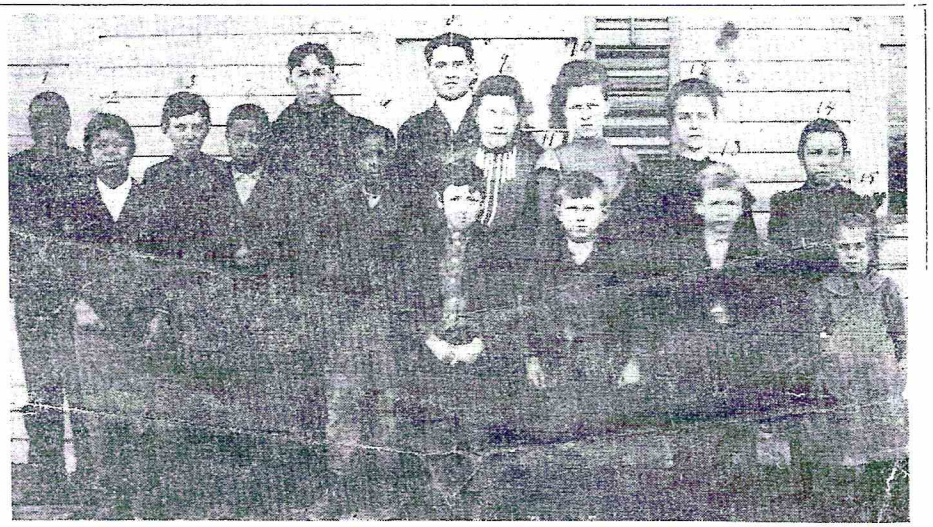

"GOOD OLD GOLDEN RULE DAYS"—Dr. M. J. Huggins of Edwardsville, a native of the Cutler area, submits this picture taken at the old Kraft School near Cutler on Feb. 5, 1904, just 53 years ago. Fred Caupert, center in back row, was the teacher. The first two boys at the left are unidentified but the others are, from the left: Allen Fulton, Bert Oliver, Matthew Huggins, Walter Oliver, Guy Hamilton, Fred Caupert (teacher), Emma Wildermuth, Anna Huggins, Clyde Fulton, Lizzie Huggins, Otto Caupert, Anna Caupert and Blanche Fulton.

Kraft School

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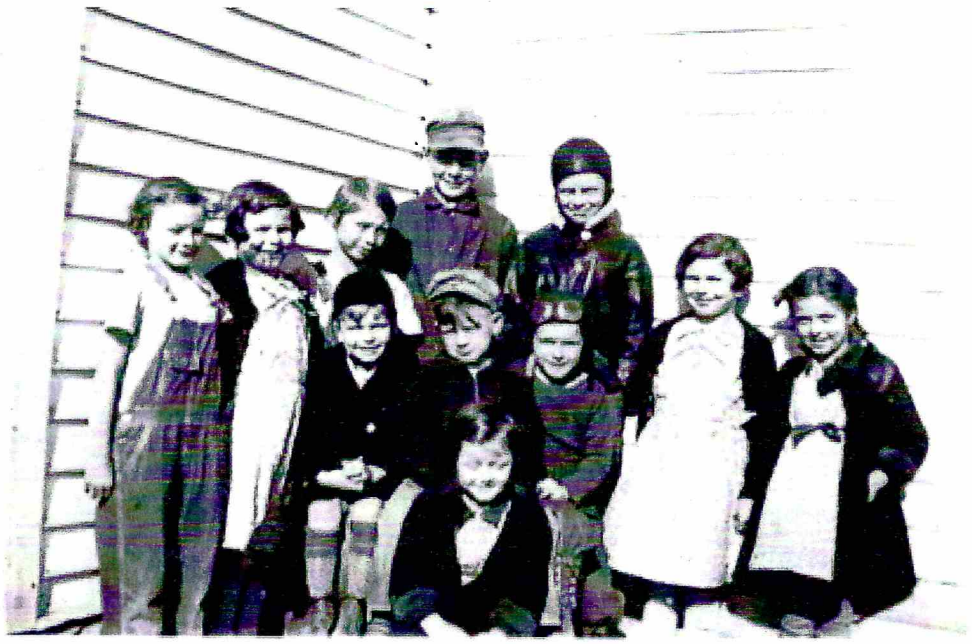
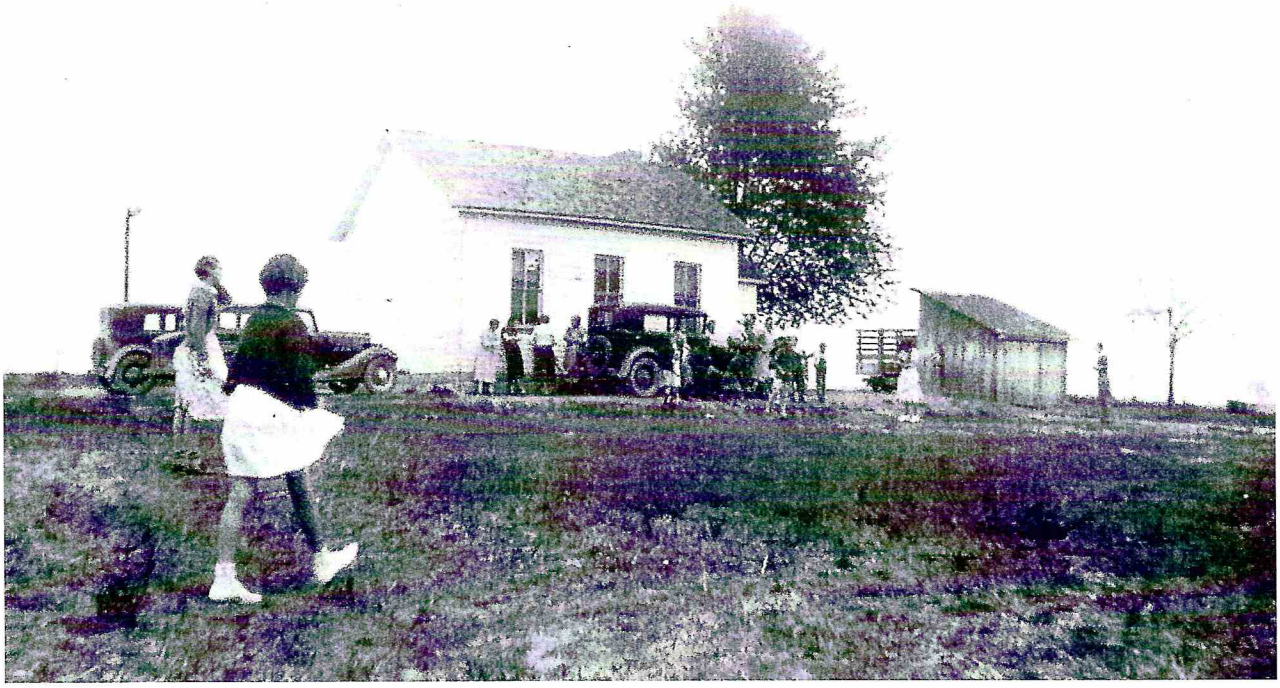


Kraft School 1937. Standing Left to Right: Loriena Mayer, Irene Caupert, Virginia Mayer, Herman Mayer Jr., Clarence McCrary, Flossine Caupert, and Martha McCrary. Seated: back row, James McCrary, Marshall McIntyre, and Blair McIntyre. Center front: Marilee McCrary. Ruth Alexander, the teacher is not shown.

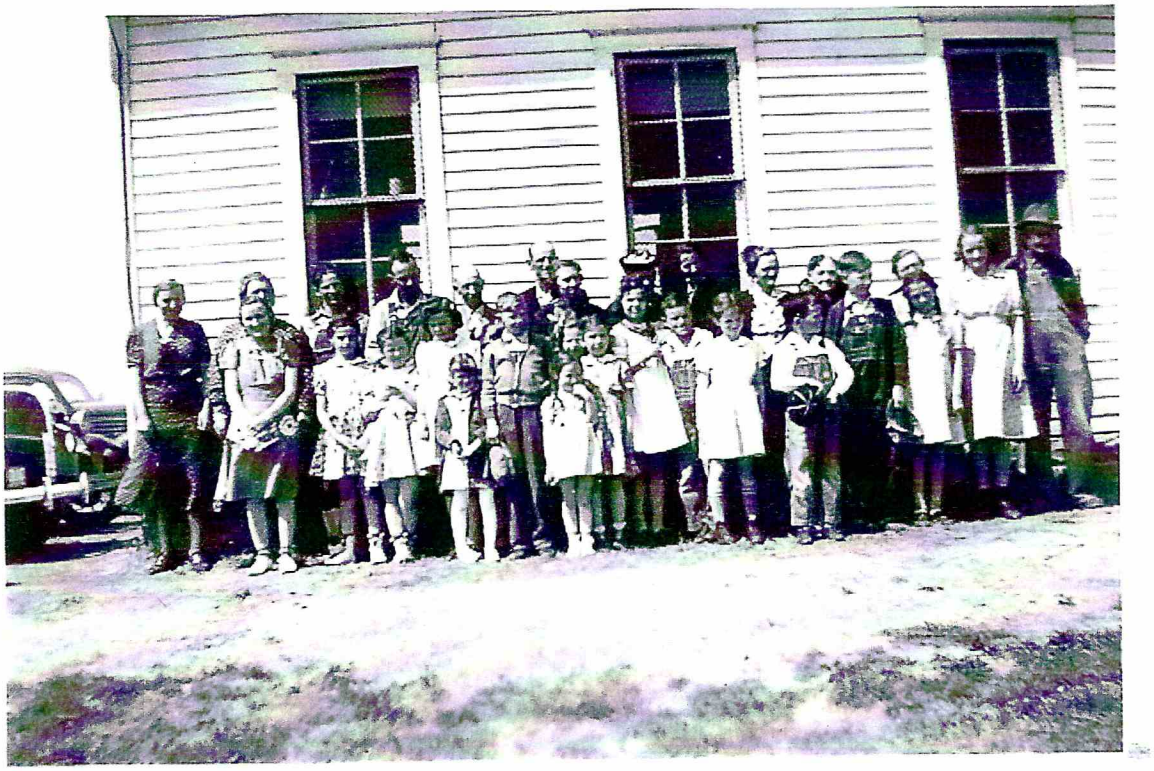
Kraft School

Black row: Anne Brown, Martha McCrary, Flossine Caupert, Irene Caupert, Blair McIntyre, and Marilyn McCrary
Front row: Edith Mayer, James McCrary, and Marshall McIntyre.

Kraft School



Last day of school 1939



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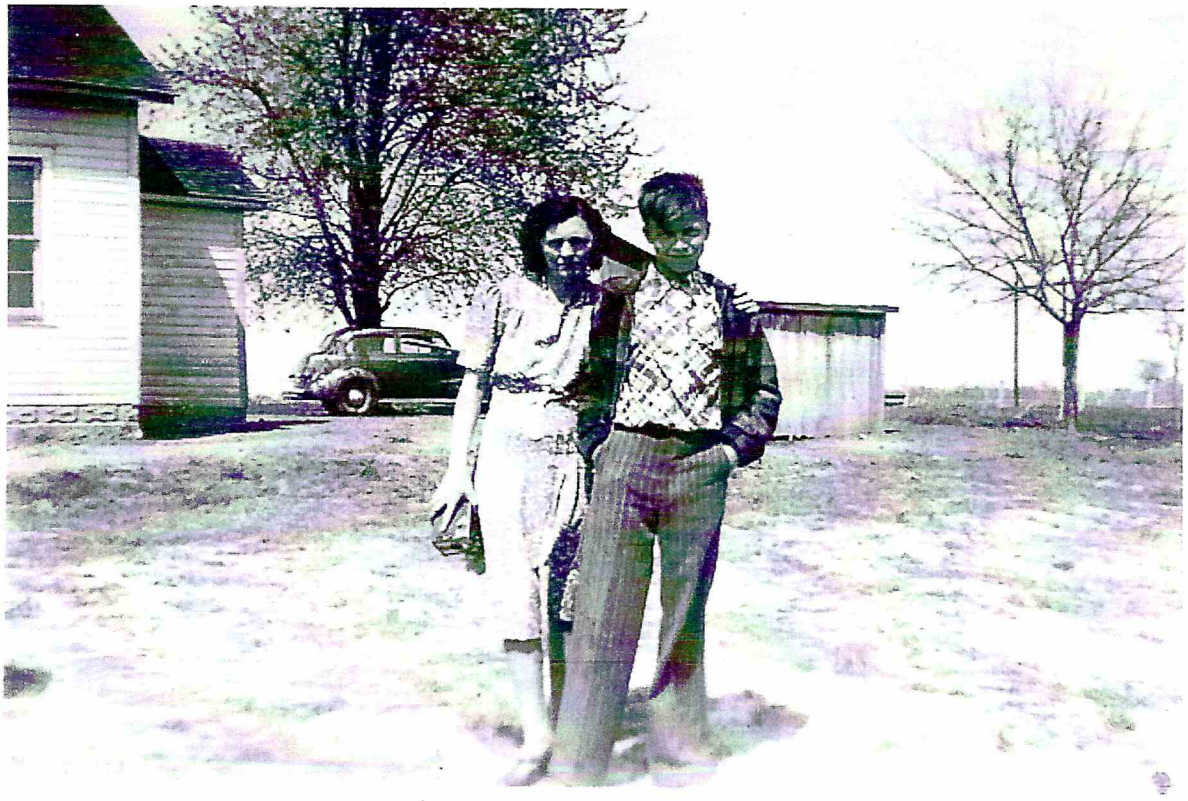
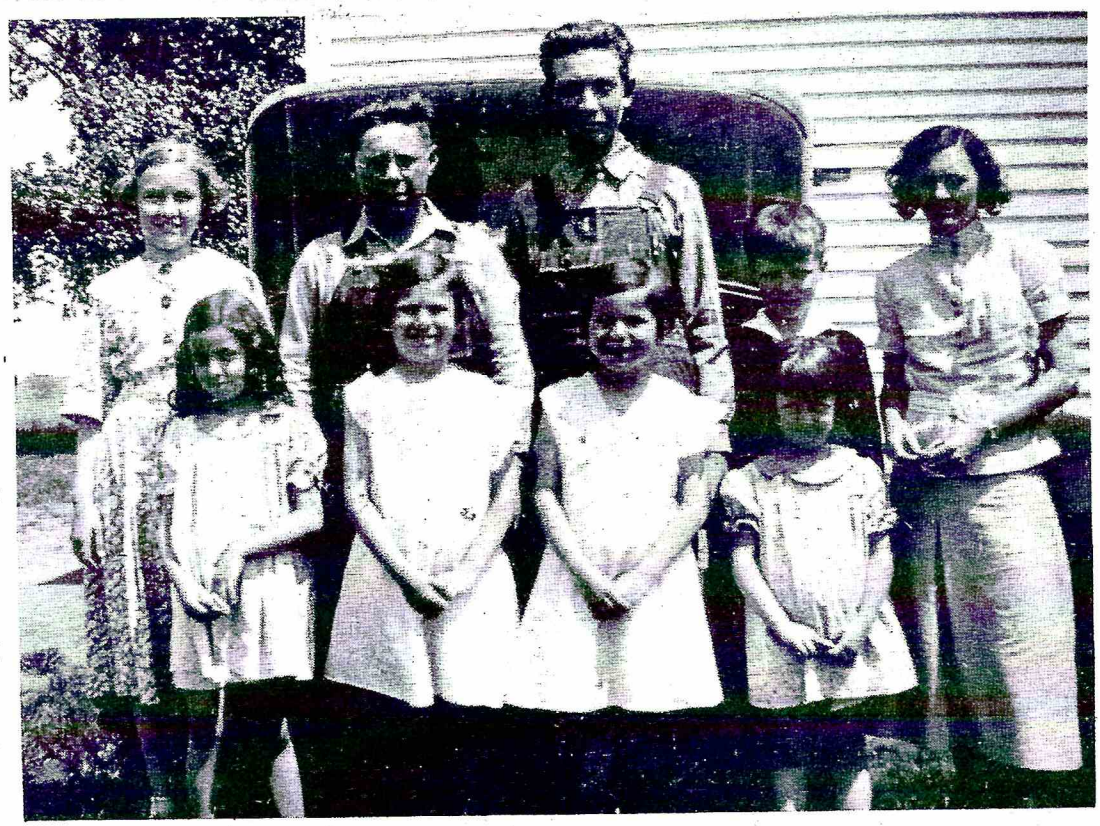


Teacher: Ruth Alexander;
Student: Clarence McCrary

CLASS MEMBERS at the old Kraft School near Cutler shared memories last week end when they gathered at the home of Edwin and Flossine Schrader. Pictured above with their former teacher, Miss Ruth Alexander, are Flossine Caupert Schrader (right) and her twin sister, Irene Caupert Wirsing. In the second row (left to right) are Herbert Paasch, Blair McIntyre, Laurina Caupert, Herman Mayer (partially hidden); Edith Mayer Verderber; Fred Mayer (completely hidden behind Mrs. Verderber; Iona Caupert; Martha McCrary Keller; Carl Mayer, Loriena Mayer Ebers; Virginia Mayer Ebers; Martha Brown Michel; Ann Brown Tabing; Doris Phillips Modzelewski; and Clarence McCrary.



THEIR NUMBERS WERE FEW—The entire enrollment at the old Kraft School was pictured above back in 1937. In the front row (left to right) are Martha Ellen McCrary, Flossine and Irene Caupert, and Marilee McCrary; Freda Mayer, Henry Paasch, Fred Mayer, Junior McCrary, and the teacher, Miss Ruth Alexander, are pictured in the back row, left to right. The picture was contributed by Miss Alexander.

Kraft School alumni relive youth

by Jan Sutter

Forty years ago, several students at the old Kraft country school wrote a song for their teacher, Miss Ruth:

"Fairwell Miss Ruth
We're sorry to see you leave
This sad white schoolhouse;
We're ending this song,
We'll remember you long
In this small white schoolhouse."

Although many school children may write fond notes to their teachers, the students at Kraft School proved last Sunday that they did, indeed, remember their teacher, Miss Ruth Alexander.

On a warm and windy day, they gathered at the farmstead of Edwin and Flossine Schrader near Cutler to pay tribute to Miss Ruth, now 80 years old. As the afternoon blossomed, the laughter grew—and the memories were as clear as a spring pond.

Irene Caupert Wirsing (Flossine's twin) recalled the time when the children went ice skating (without skates) and fell through the ice. Miss Ruth taped newspaper at one end of the room, she related, so the girls could dry their clothes in privacy near the old coal stove. The boys, meanwhile, were strictly forbidden to turn around in their seats.

Dictum was observed

While "the boys," now grown, joshed about who might have peeked, there was little doubt that Miss Ruth's dictum was observed. "We respected you," said one of the men. "We were big enough to throw you in the coal shed but we didn't even think about it."

There were other memories of kite-flying in the springtime; Miss Ruth remembered the day when the school superintendent walked in while she was on her hands and knees, making kites—"I was so embarrassed," she laughed.

None of the students had forgotten the old coal stove where they warmed their hands after walking to school in the bitter cold; Flossine Shrader recalled how the kids built a huge ice igloo one day and how mad she was when Clarence McCrary charged through it on his bicycle.

But McCrary (now manager of the Perry County Farm Bureau) remembered summertime best and hearing the meadowlarks singing just outside the school window. "There we were," he said, shaking his head, "penned up in school." With a grin, Fred Mayer (of Steeleville) added, "The best time was 4 p.m."

Prepared memory book

One former student, Loriena Mayer Ebers, lives now in Steeleville and has 11 grandchildren. In the school memory book, prepared for the occasion, she wrote: "It was like one big happy family with Miss Ruth taking care of us as if we were her own. In the winter, when we got to school and we were cold, she would have a pan of water to put our hands in and cuddle us around the stove until we were warm. When the weather was warm, she would sometimes play ball with us . . . the songs she taught us, I sometimes sing with my little ones today."

The Kraft School closed in 1942, with just three members in the eighth grade graduating class—Flossine and Irene Caupert and Martha McCrary. By that time, Miss Ruth had been at the school eight years, with an enrollment ranging from eight to 16 students. The one-room school had its advantages, she says now, because the students learned from each other and received a lot of individual attention.

"I never had any disciplinary problems," she says firmly. "You were disciplined at home," she told the gathering Sunday, "and it wasn't hard to discipline you at school."

"I never had a school kid I didn't love," she continued, adding pertly, "I suppose some of 'em didn't love me."

Miss Ruth also taught in the Murphysboro schools and other schools in the area. She retired in 1967 after 37 years in the teaching profession and now lives in Murphysboro. At the outing Sunday, she showed she still had the old touch.

Irene Wirsing (now an executive secretary for Monsanto) complained that she found a "U" (for unsatisfactory) on an old report card and asked her teacher what she did to deserve the grade. Miss Ruth replied: "Nothing"—and the group broke into laughter.

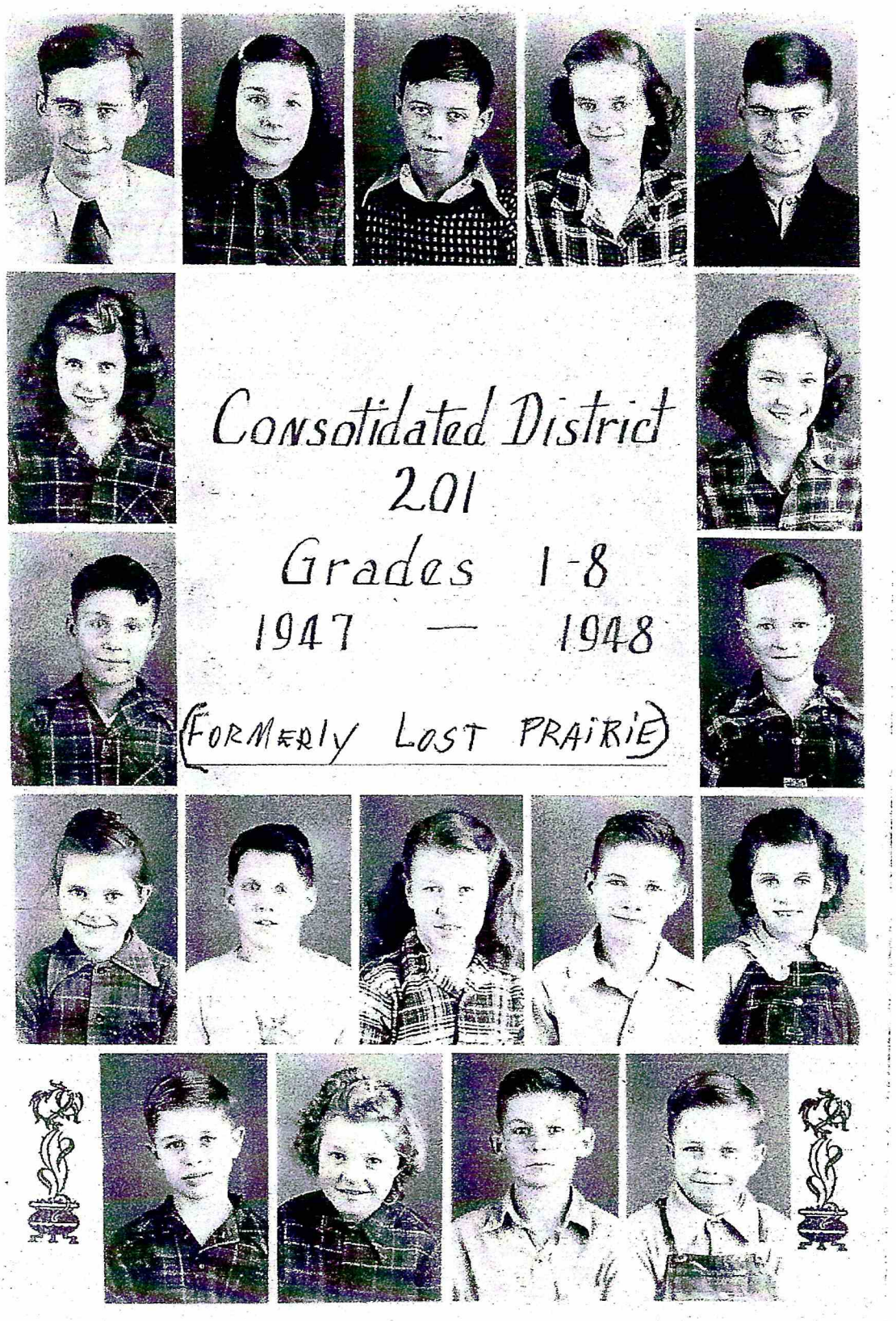
The old Kraft School, now at least 100 years old, has been moved from its location just off Route 154 near the Jamestown cutoff and stands now in Cutler. The clean, white frame is covered with shingles—gray and a little shabby—but it doesn't really matter. The memories are still as rich and warm as a summer day. "Farewell . . . Miss Ruth, we remember you well."

LOST PRAIRIE

District 62, Township 5-4
Location:

Lost Prairie School Back row: Teacher, Jessie Sprague, M. Ethel Bicket, Rosa Bills, Bessie Braden, Eva Braden, Etta Clark, Howard Emons, Jim Fulton, and Matt Emons. Second row: Alda Bills, Maggie Williams, Mary Braden, Mabel Robb, Walter Emons, Andy Schmidt, and Billy Krumweide. First row: Theodore Smidt, Clifford Emons, Ed Krumweide, Willard Robb, Zenas Robb, Ralph Cooper, and Willie Benson. Photograph courtesy of Lee Clark, Zion, Illinois.

Lost Prairie



Lost Prairie

Row 1: Janet Craig, Jim Higgerson, Jane Chapman, Danny Wildermuth, Carol Schrader, Dwayne Schwartz, Alice Lipe, and Lyle Neville
Row 2: Wayne Wildermuth, Sylvia Wright, Byron Selle, Nancy Moore, Jack Carter, Marie Popejoy, Mike Smith, and Margaret Baumann
Row 3: Paula Sullivan, Bob Bauersachs, Inez Lunnemann, Alan Benson, Helen Davis, James Baumann, Judy Davis, and Gary Woelke.
Row 4: Albert Rabe, Barbara Paasch, and teacher, Wayne Giacomo.

Remember When

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The Lost Prairie 205 PTA, celebrated the sesquicentennial year by planting a tree on the school grounds. Old records show that in 1827 or 1828 the first school in the Cutler area was located near the Lost Prairie 205 and consisted of ten scholars. Each paid $2.00 tuition and were taught by Miss Elvira Tilden. The only earlier record of a school in Perry County is one taught in 1825 by Robert Clark in the southwest part of Denmark. Pictured left to right are: Mr. K.C. Jones, school custodian; Mrs. Larry Rushing, PTA Secretary; Mrs. Warren Robb, Teacher; Mrs. Edwin Schrader, PTA program chairman; and Mr. Edwin Schrader, School Board Member.

Lost Prairie Elementary School by Charles, Laura, Brian and Jill Baue

Lost Prairie Elementary School was located about 10 miles west of Pinckneyville between Illinois Route 13 (Swanwick, IL) and Illinois Route 154 on Rose of Sharon Rd. just east of Lost Prairie Rd. The area was called Lost Prairie, thus the school name.

One of my special memories as a student of Lost Prairie was playing softball with a couple of area schools. One was a one-room school, West Side/Blackjack, located northwest of Lost Prairie, and the other was a two room-school in Winkle, IL, just east of Swanwick. Blackjack used a Blackjack Oak tree for first base.

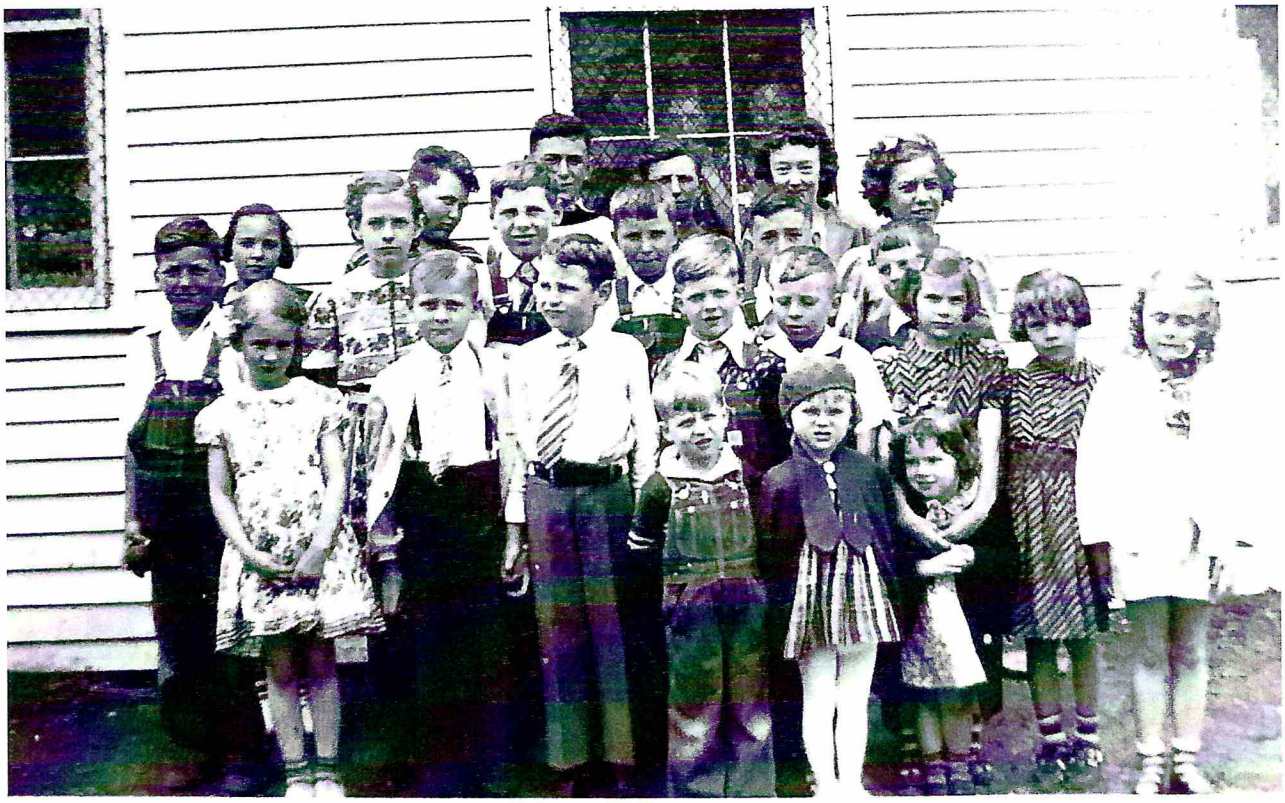
The Lost Prairie teachers I had were Mae Brown, Dean Bauersachs, Nelda Robb and Donald Outten.

Before I graduated in 1950, the school consolidated, possibly in 1947, and became Consolidated District 201 and then Consolidated District 205.

After Lost Prairie consolidated, it moved twice. First in in the fall of 1950 to a multi-room school in Jamestown, Il. (also known as Grasshopper), which was south of Route 154, where it stayed for one school year. Then in 1951 it moved to a new multi-room building at the northwest corner of Route 154 and Lost Prairie Rd., which was about three miles south of its original location.

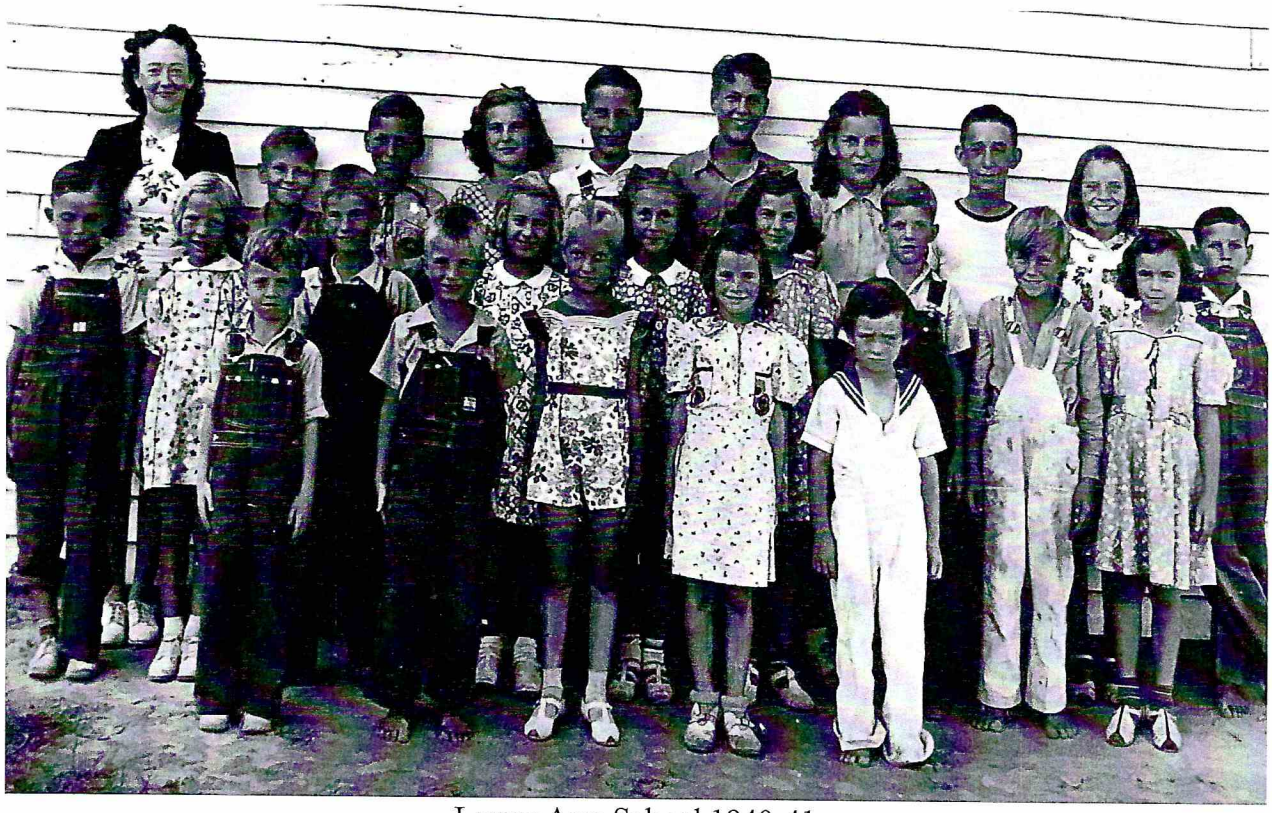
LOWER ARM SCHOOL

District 33, Township 5-2
Location: East of Pinckneyville on route 154 and north on Valier Carpet Road.



Lower Arm School 1938-39 Qunice Revelle, Teacher

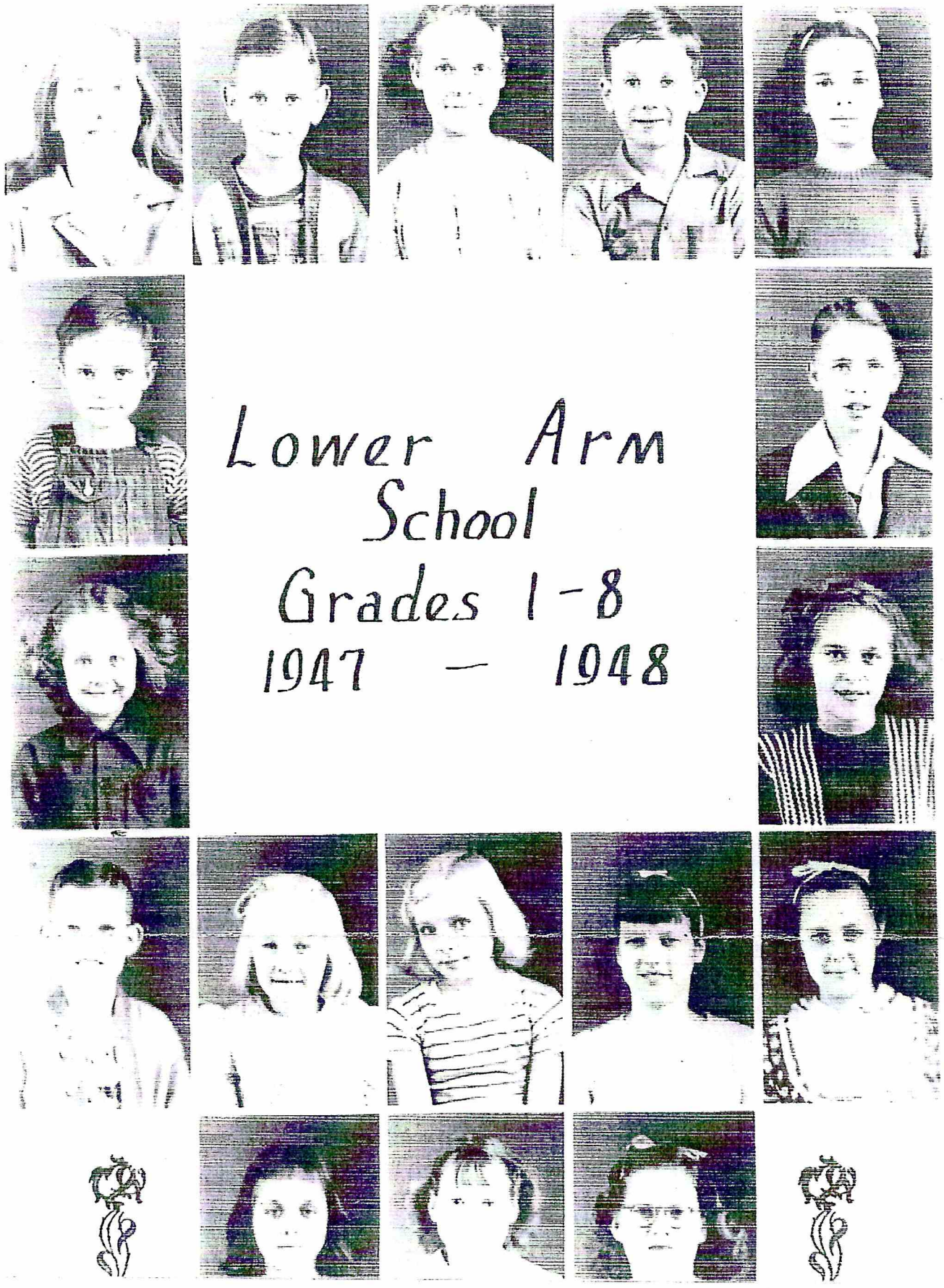
Lower Arm School 1939-40



Lower Arm School 1940-41

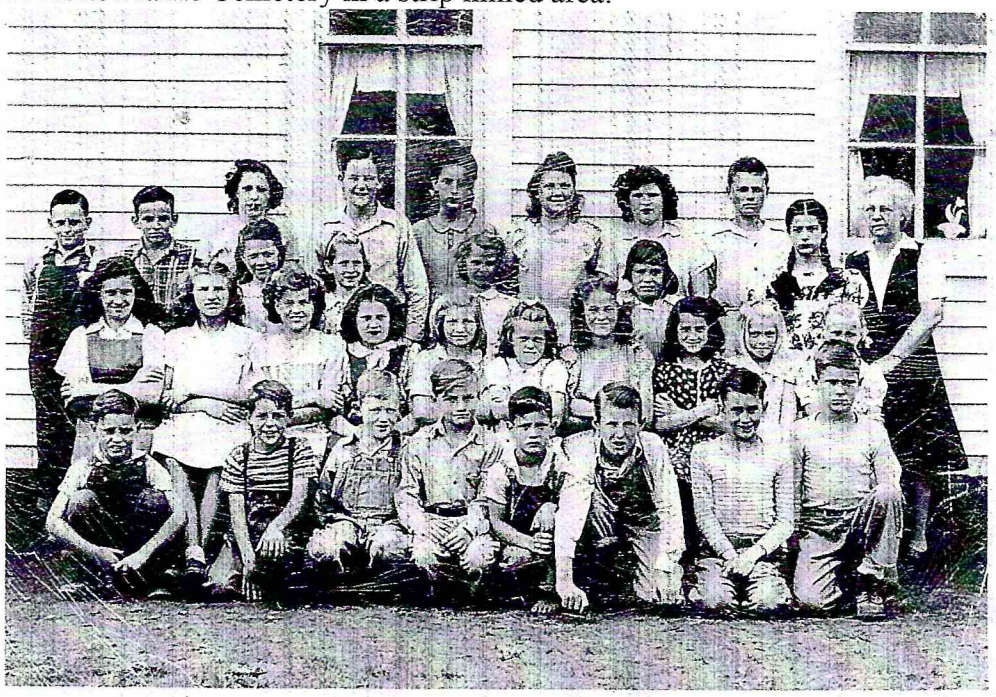
Lower Arm School 1941-42

Back Row- Charles Valier, David Huggins, Harry Lou House, Norman Keith, Phyllis Rushing, Eunice Revelle (teacher), Marvin Keith, Dorothy Koss, Loren Dale Kennedy


Lower Arm
School
Grades 1-8
1947 - 1948

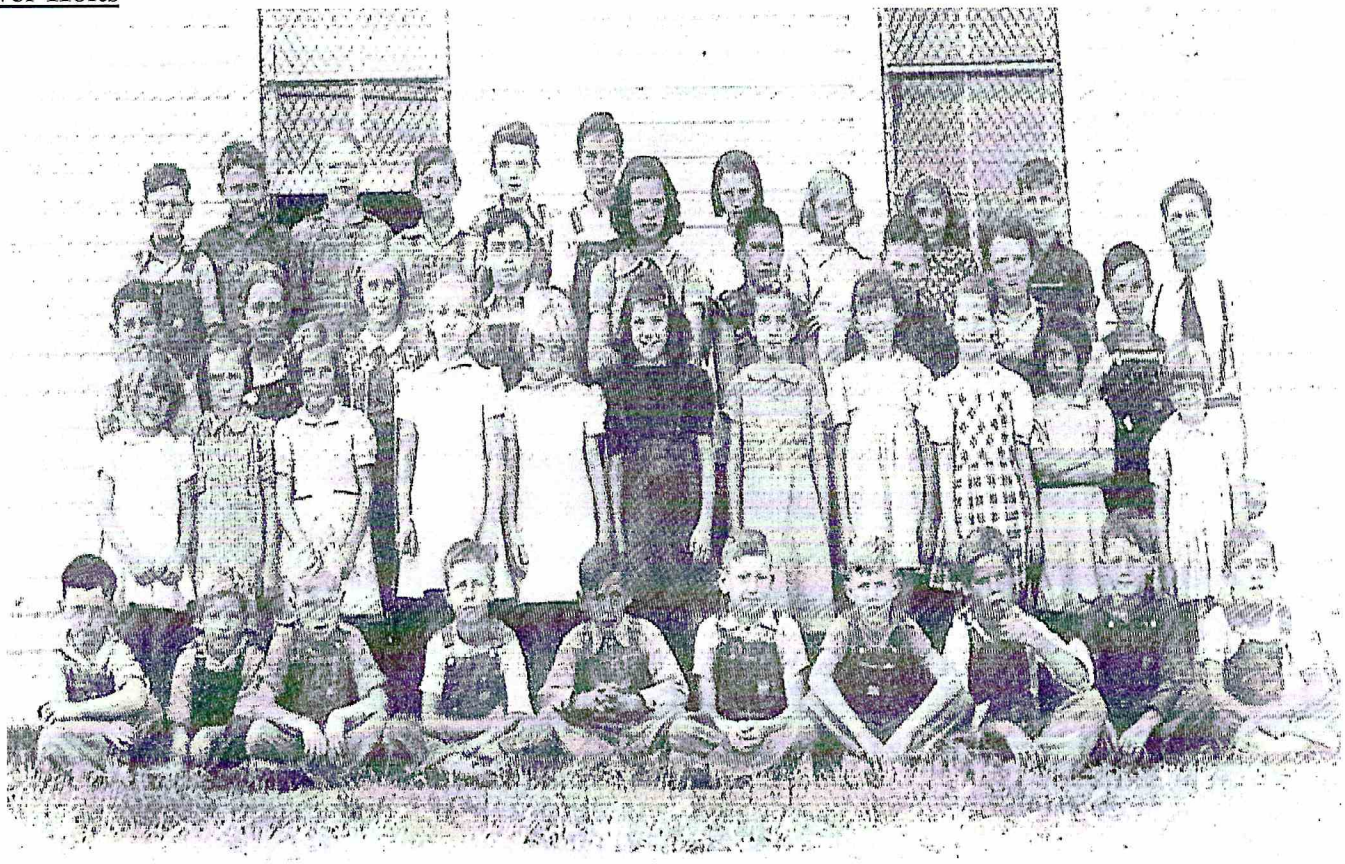
LOWER HOLTS

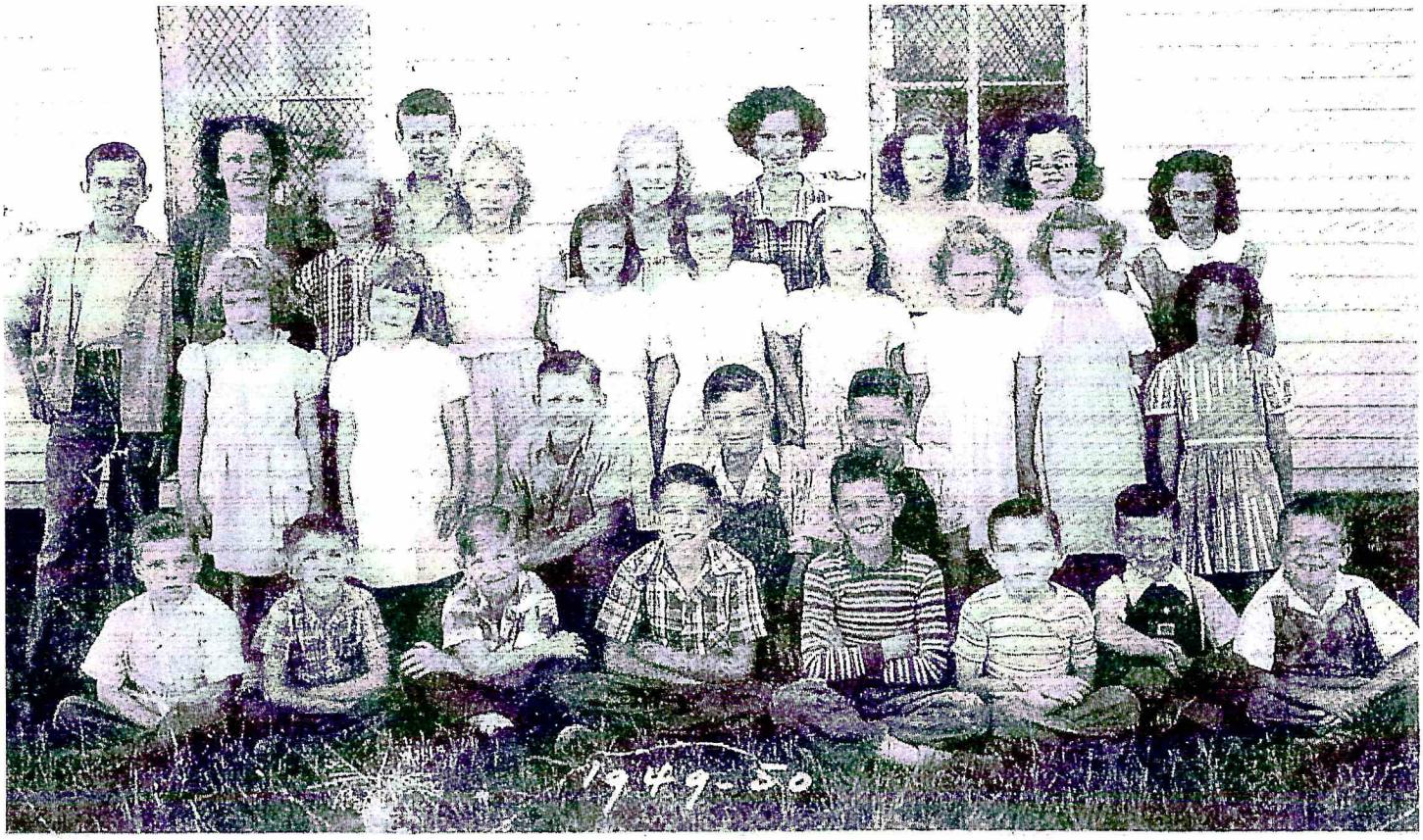
District 35, Township 5-2
Location: South of Holts Prairie Cemetery in a strip mined area.



Lower Holts School 1935-36
Frank W. Keith, teacher
Bottom row: Row two, left to right: Greda Fonnin, Josephine Cicardi, Beulah Bigham, Wilbur Lee, Glenn Wilks, Harry Queen, and Blanche Bigham.
Row thre:, left to right, Ruby Livingston(?), Welcher Morgenthaler, Winton Bigham, Herbert Lee, Robert Lee, Bessie Bigham, and Helen Morgenstern.
Row 4, left to right: Harold Dehne, Marjorie Queen, Donald Harriss, Harold Wolfe, Violet Hensler, Dean Lee, Imogene Fannin, Ralph Livingston, and Alverta Hensler.

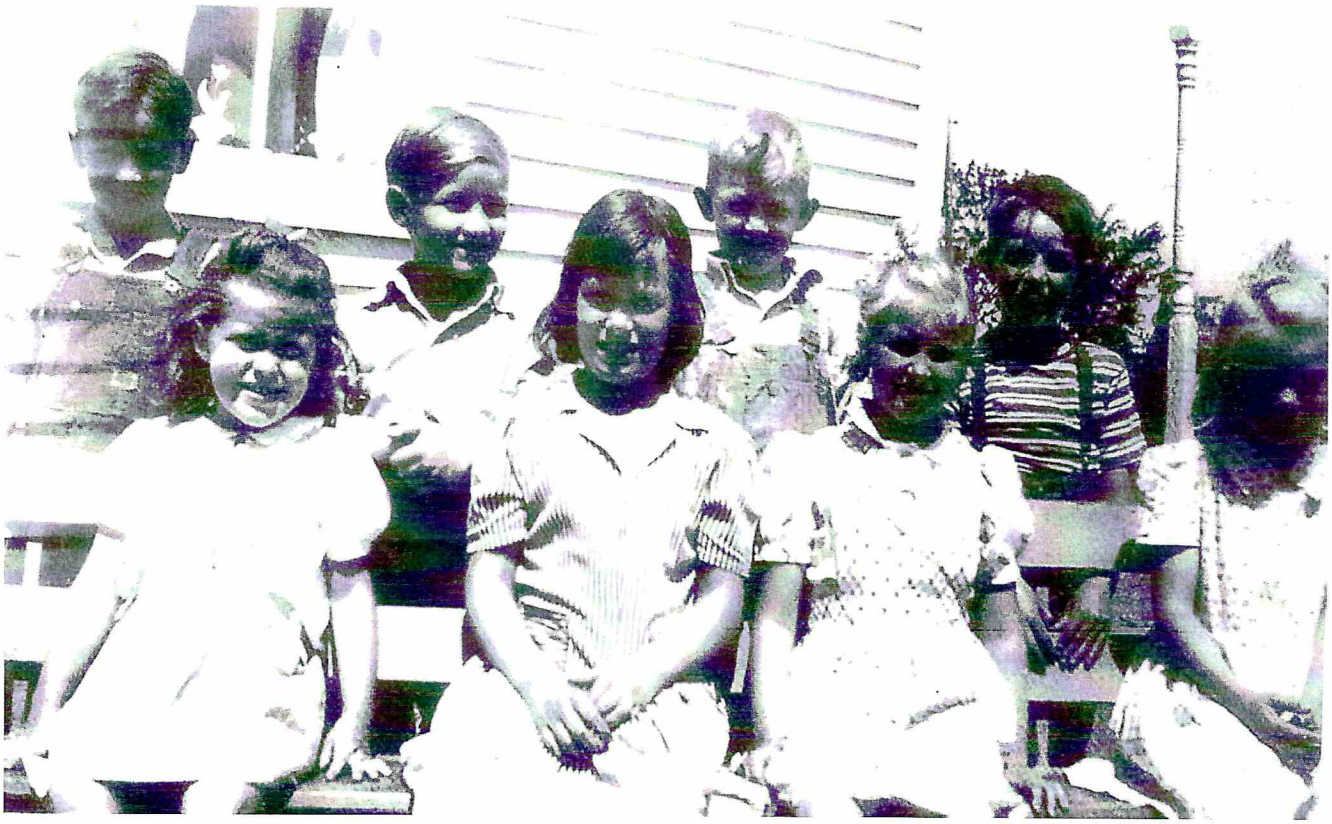
Lower Holts





Lower Holts 1949-58

Lower Holts



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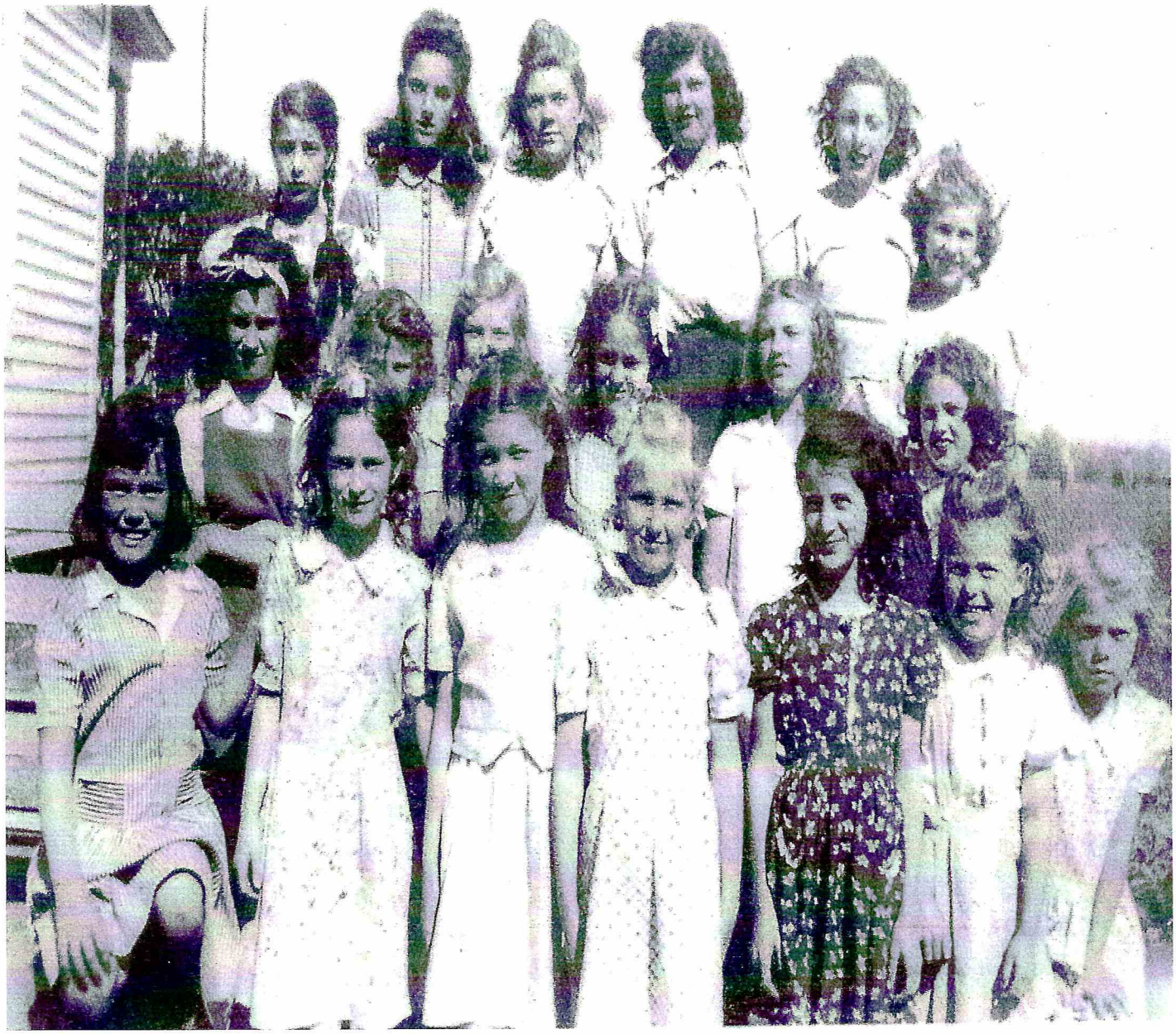


Memories of the One Room School
By
Barbara L. (Armstrong) Valier

When I was old enough to go to school my mother Wouldn't let me go because I had so far to walk. So, I didn't start until I was seven. By then we had moved closer to the school. Remember no buses!

I went to Lower Holts School for seven years until eighth grade. "Oh my, what nerve the teachers had!

Some of the memories I have.

1. I walked both to and from school, "cold or hot."
2. Some boys rode horses and then tied them to trees.
3. We stook sack lunches. Fried chicken or fried eggs.
4. The school had a big pot belly stove that the teacher or boys helped start and keep it "warm." What a job. As I said what a "brave teacher"
5. You had to wear warm clothing and long socks.
6. In the winter we ice skated on a branch behind the school. Sometimes we broke thru and our feet wet but dried them by the fire.
7. There were fight on the playground.
8. We didn't have running wart but a pump outside where we got our water.
9. No bathroom, she toilet was out back, that means outside.
10. All eight grades in one room and only one teacher. As I said, what nerve the teacher had!
11. We did have recess if you were good.

Some of the teachers we had.

Mr. N. Ward, Mrs. Gertrude Valentine, Mr. Frank Keith, Mrs. Hilda Stein, and Mrs. Vergie Bovenet.

Then in the eighth grade the upper grades went to Upper Holts School a half year until they finished the new #204 School. What a change!

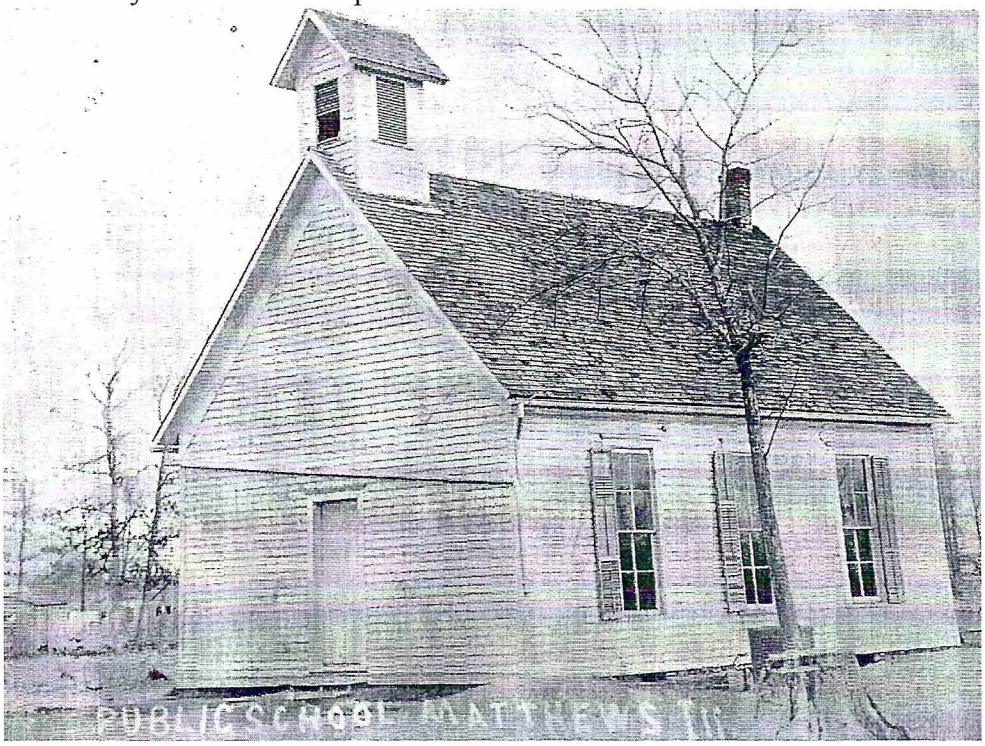
Some of my teachers in the eighth grade were Mr. Berthyl Bigham, Mr. M. Schroedel, and others.

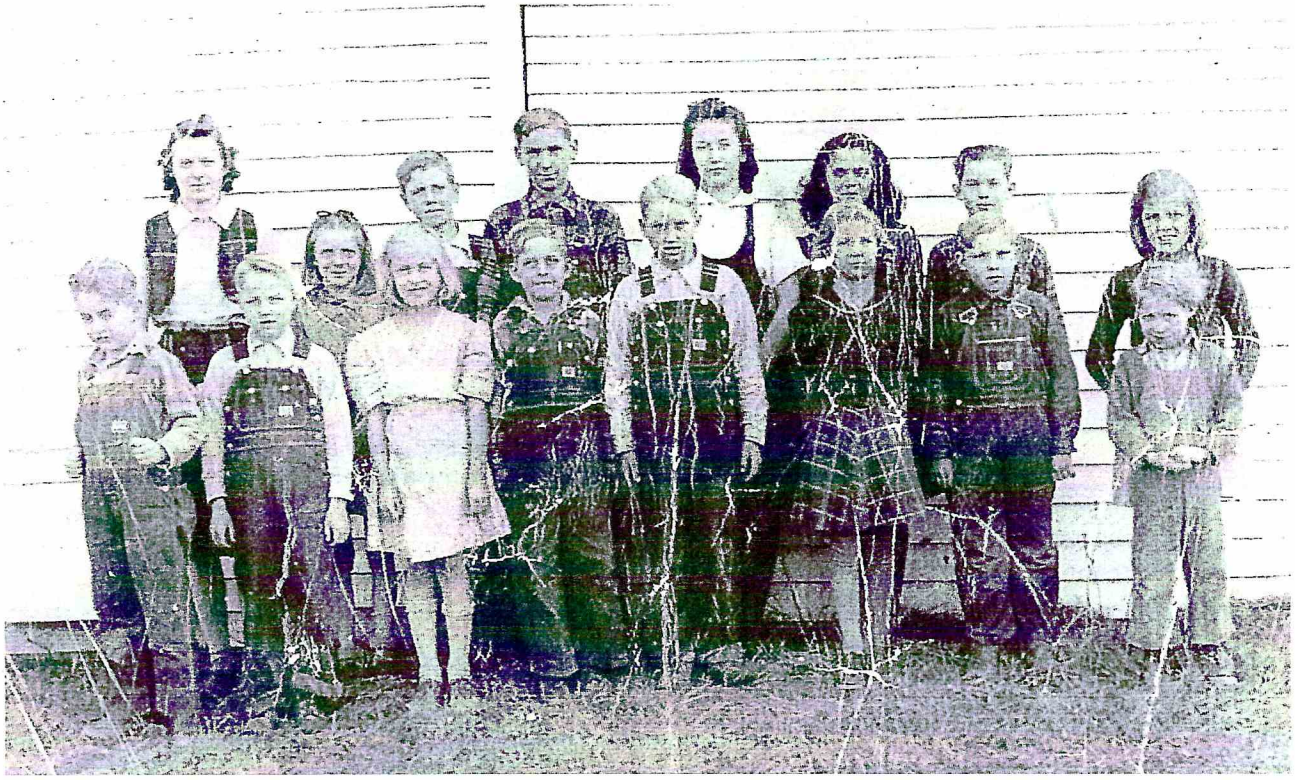
I loved school most of my teachers and glad to be back in school on Mondays. Although it was good to have all eight classes together because we learned from the upper grades also. It was also good to have just one class in a room at #204 School.

All the one room schools always had pictures taken each year. But a new school and no eighth graduation pictures? I graduated in 1951 I didn't understand "no pictures."

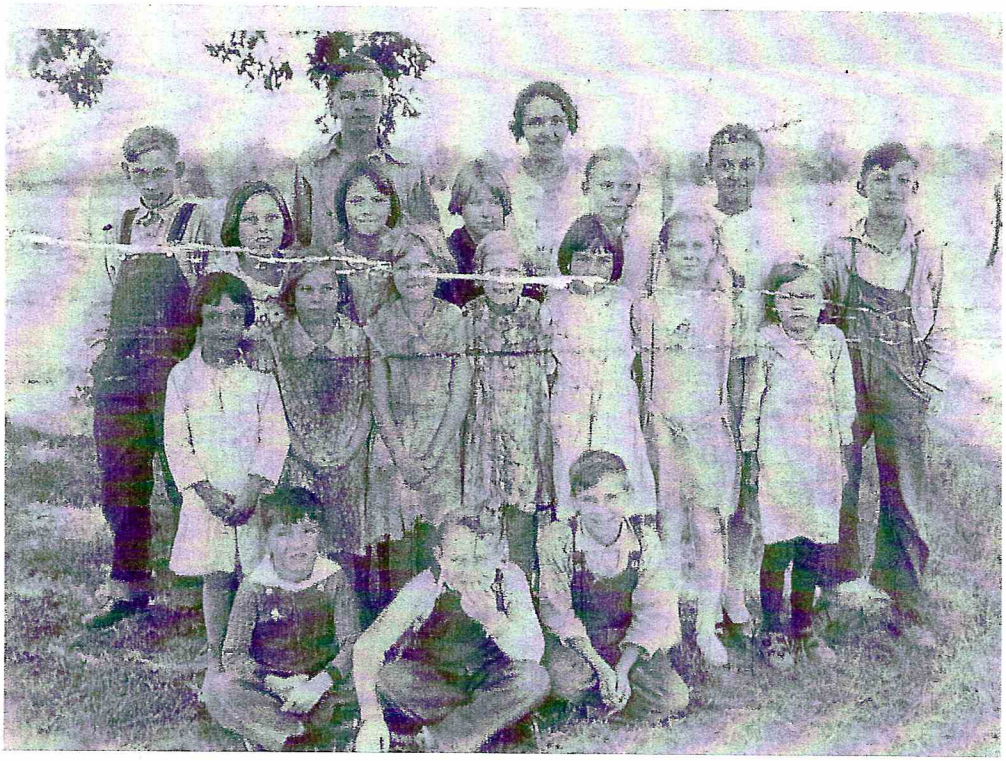
MATTHEWS SCHOOL

District 80, Township 6-3
Location: South of Pinckneyville near the airport





Matthews School



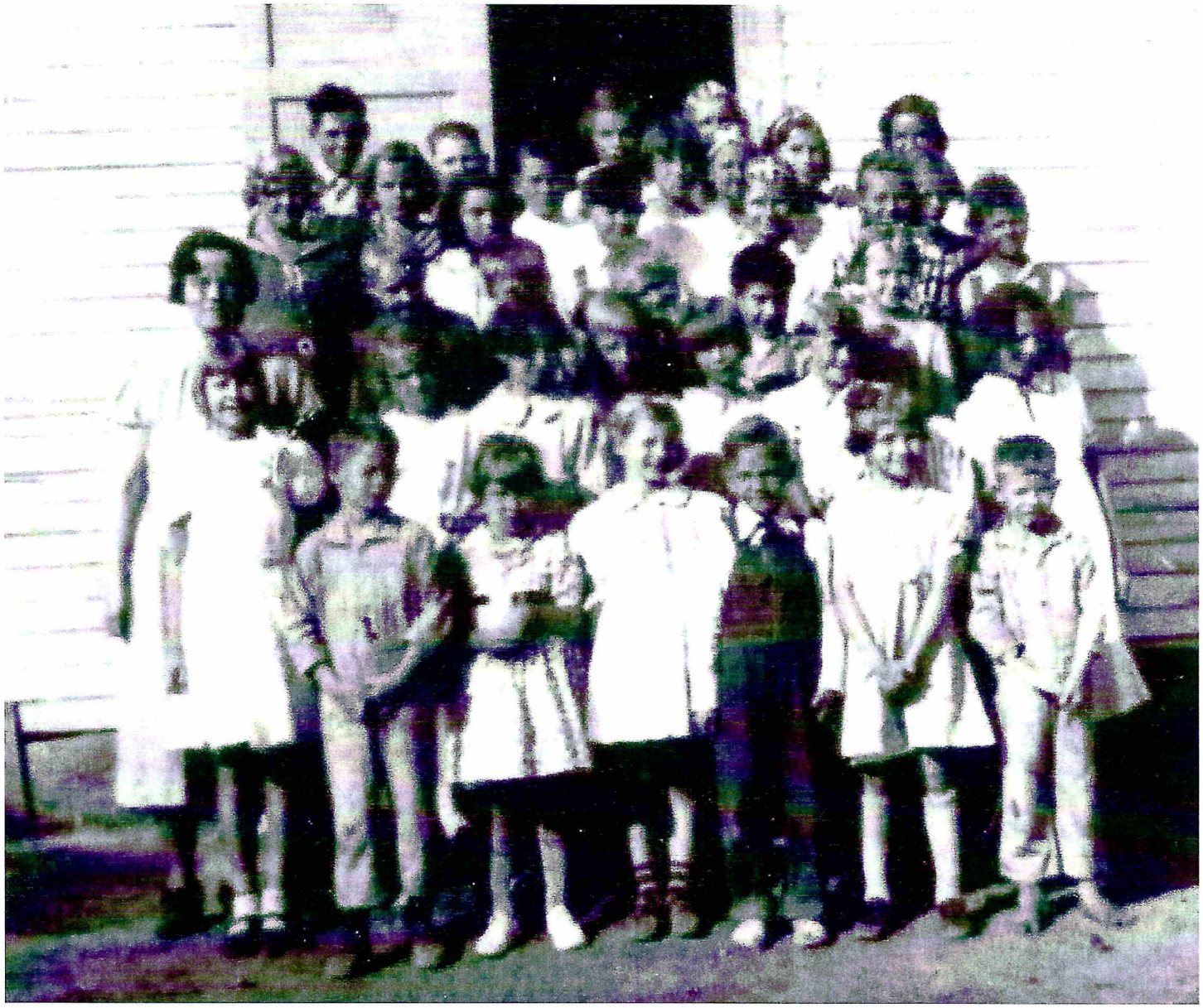
75 Years Ago

Pupils of the Matthews rural school visited the Call Publishing Co. plant to see the Du Quoin Evening Call in production. In the group was Bobby Williams, Forrest Ridgeway, Junior Harsy, Katherine Jones, Delores Winter, Audrey Birkner, Charlotte Jones, George Ridgeway, Buddy Leiner, Charles Engelhardt, Neoma Williams, Leon Jones, Lyle Winter, Wyatt Scruggs, Merle Winter, Wanze Williams, Mary Jane Weatherford and Geraldine Birkner and Miss Margaret Dunn, teacher…Among Du

Du Quoin Evening Call 2/8/2017 reporting on 2/8/1942

MEYERS SCHOOL

District 29, Section 4-2
Location: Three miles west of Tamaroa



MYERS SCHOOL No. 37.

Perry County, Ill., Jan. 10th 1902.

Name Tillie Keiner. Age 15

Study Arithmetic. Grade 8th

Teacher Mr. F. Hamon.

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I.

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III.

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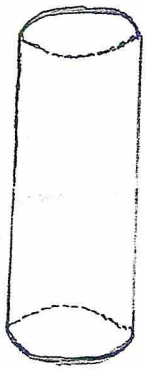

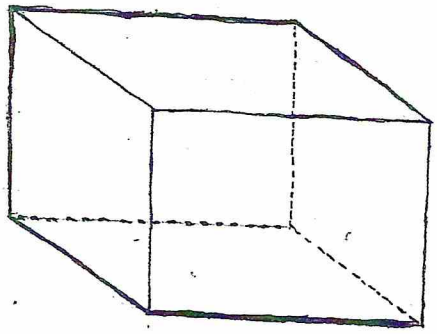

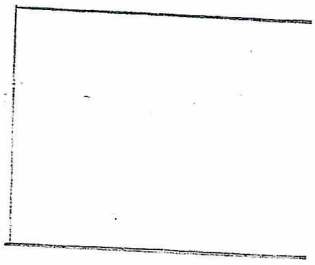

V

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8th year. Geography.

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Russia, St Petersburg is the capital; France, Paris is th capital; Austra-Hungaria, Vienna and Budepest, are the capitals. Spain. Madrid is the capital.

MYERS SCHOOL No. 37.

Perry County, Ill., Jany 10th 1901.

Name Tillie Keiner. Age 15.

Study Grammar. Grade 8th.

Teacher Mr. T. Damon.

I.

An element is the principal part of a sentence. as to rank the adjective element and adverbial element as to use the adjective element, adverbial element and objective element. II.

The sun was shining as we come to school this mo
The hawk caught the chicken, 1st Class Adj. Element
By Quincy is the nearest way, 2nd Class Adj. Element
She will go they said, 3rd Class Adj. Element
I am surely happy, 1st Class Adv. Element
The barn is very large, 2nd Class Adv. Element
The sleigh run swiftly over the snow, 3rd Class Adv. Element, III.

A phrase is a part of a sentence. as Over the fie
d, To Pinckneyville. A clause is a part of a sentenc
containing a subject and a predicate. A substantiv
is a word used as a nouns that is not a noun.

V.

He who walks in other mens tracks make no dis-
coveries. This is a Sen. Complex, Declarative, of wh
He who, is the compound logical Subject unmodified,
walks in other mens tracks makes no discoveries

MYERS SCHOOL No. 37.

Perry County, Ill., Nov. 8th 1901.

Name Tillie Keiner. Age 15.

Study Orthography Grade 8th

Teacher M. T. Damon.

II. Average 97 1/5.

A Syllable is a word with two or more letters.
An initial syllable, is the first letter of a nam
Syllabication, is the formation of sentences.

III.

Dodge, badge, wadge, judge, cudges, fudge, crudges, bridg
Pledge, ledge, IV.

Alternate, acclimated, balm, adept, aeronaut.

V.

avoirdupois, antecedent, pennyweight, guinea,
sovereign, analysis, gigantic, descriptive, anecdotes
and Lafaette.

Grammer. I 25

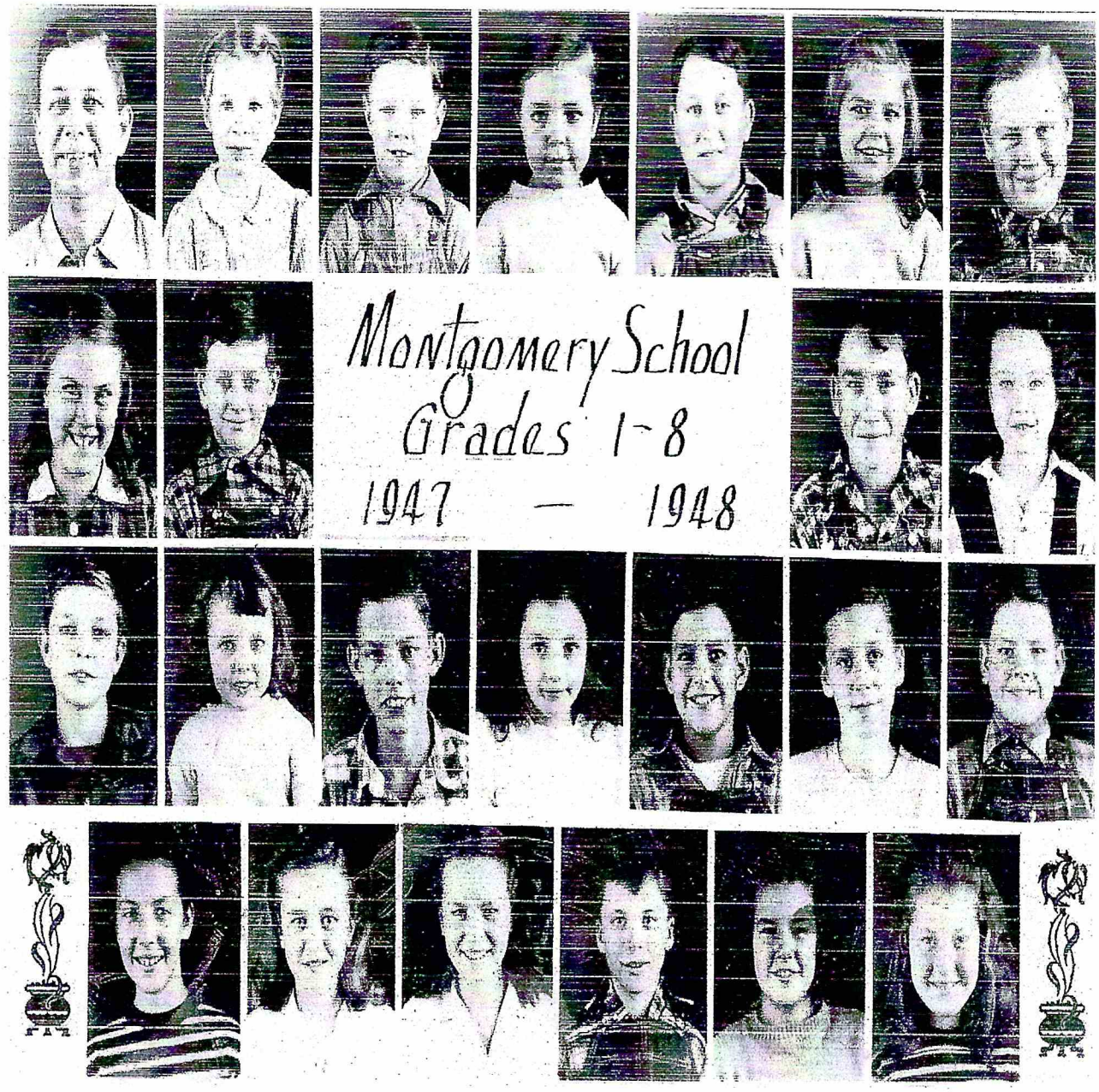
Declension is the variation of nouns.
Conjugation of a verb is the regular arrangement
of mode, tenses, number, and person.
Case is that properity of a noun that shows
it relation to other words.

II. V

Rises is a verb because it denotes action,
transitive verb.

MONTGOMERY SCHOOL

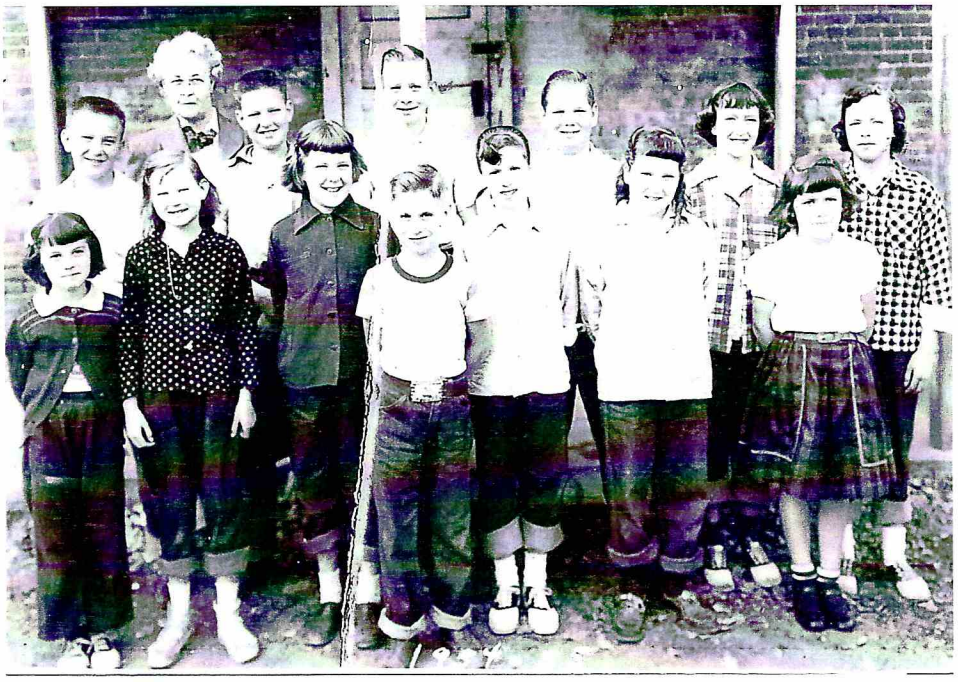
District 15, Township 5-1
Location: Four miles east on the Kimmel Road.



Montgomery School 1948
George Criste, teacher, Vera Green, Bobby Rice, Joan Beckham, Richard Valier, Bonnie Provart, Lee Teal, Ida May Teal, Billy Cristie, Stanley Valier, Mary Jane Valier, Jerry Beckham, Peggy Beckham, Bud Mills, Peggy Doerr, Robert Provart, Martha Crestie, Wayne Provart, Frances Rice, Evalyn Rice, Shirley Rice, Avis Green, Barbra Provart, and Janet Rice

Montgomery School

Montgomery School - 1949-50
Seated: Ronnie Provart, Aves Green, Richard Owens, Bobby Joe Rice and Tommy Cropper. Middle Row: Millie Caraker, Charlotte Caraker, Peggy Doerr, Bonnie Provart, Joan Beckham, Dixie Lee Rice, Frances Valier, Carolyn Green and Peggy Beckham. Back row: Robert Provart, Wayne Provart, Jerry Beckham, Charlene Owens, Everlyn Rice, Janet Rice and Mary Jane Valier.
Teacher - Marion Webb



Montgomery School - 1954-55
First Row: Vera Green, Betty Stepson, Beverly Provart, Morris Green, Carolyn Green, Ruth Ann Valier and Lynette Keeling. Second Row: Jack Fox, Ronnie Provart, Tommy Stepson, Bob Fox, Frances Valier and Peggy Ann Beckham.
Teacher: Bertha Heape

Montgomery Grade School Reunion June 21, 2003
Seated left to right: Golda Inabnit Stockton, Marie McGuire Morganthaler, Hazi Inabnit Lewis, Myrtle Eakin, Frances Rice DeWit, Elizabeth Hamilton VanOrsdale, Shirley Rice May, Marian Inabnit Flint Velma Robbins Loyd, Cori Biama (teacher), Irma Grob Heape, Peggy Beckham Lux, and Joan Beckham Kuhnert.
Second row: Pete Doerr, Morris Green, Carolyn Green Harrison, Richard Owens, Janet Rice Koehne, Lynette Keeling, Mary Jane Valier Lee, Frances Valier Milam, Ruth Ann Valier Hammond, and Donald Purnell.
Back row: Robert Fox, Tom Cropper, Aves Green, Ronald Provart, Jack Fox, Gene Hamilton, Richard Valier, Stanley Valier, Marvin (Bud) Mills, and Julius Keller.

Montgomery Grade School Reunion Deemed Great Success

After months of planning and preparation, the day finally arrived for the first-ever reunion of former Montgomery Grade School students. The reunion was held on Saturday, June 21, 2003, at the former schoolhouse, located northeast of Du Quoin on Kimmel Road, with a total of 33 former students and one former teacher, Mrs. Coral Bryant Biama, attending.

It was a time of great emotion for most former students as they stepped into the schoolhouse for the first time. For some, it was the first time being inside the building in over 80 years. Many changes have been made to the inside of the building but the memories of the wonderful times spent there will never change. Two of the oldest former students attending the reunion were Gene Hamilton, 92 years old and Myrtle Eakin, 94 years of age. The two youngest former students were Lynette Keeling and Ruth Ann Valier Hammond.

Several items of school memorabilia were displayed, including many old school group pictures. Special interest to many former students of Mr. Dwight Teel (1938-1941) was a photo album prepared by him during his time of teaching at Montgomery. Mr. Teel also provided copies of four Teacher's contracts which outlined the wage he was to be paid each year and other responsibilities the School Board entrusted to him. Also of special interest was a 1909 photo provided by Julius Keller which showed his parents, Fred and Leota Keller, as students at Montgomery. In memory of those former students now deceased, a lovely memorial board was prepared by Marian Inabnit Flint.

At noon a lunch consisting of meat trays, which offered a variety of meats and cheeses, chips, slaw and baked beans was enjoyed. Also adding to the noon meal was fried fish prepared by Aves Green and Bill Lee. For dessert a decorated cake and fruit salad was enjoyed.

Those former students and guests enjoying the noon meal were: Ron and Sandy Provart, Jack Fox, Robert Fox, Lynette Keeling and guest, John Shutt, Shirley Rice May and guest Faye Carroll, Pete and Linda Doerr, Elizabeth Hamilton VanOrsdale, Donald Purnell and guest, Irma Grob Heape, Clyde and Marie McGuire Morganthaler, Golda Inabnit Stockton, Hazel Inabnit Lewis, David and Janice Lewis, Gene Hamilton, Julius and Wanda Keller, Aves and Paula Green, Morris and Sherry Green, Richard and Janice Valier, Carolyn Green Harrison, Stan and Barb Valier, Bud and Joann Mills, Marian Inabnit Flint, Ron and Joan Beckham Kuhnert, Peggy Beckham Lux, Richard Owens and guests, Debi Hoyt, David and Velma Robbins Loyd, Ruth Ann Valier Hammond, John and Frances Valier Milam, Bill and Mary Jane Valier lee, Tom Cropper, Myrtle Eakin and former teacher, Coral Bryant Biama.

Those visiting after lunch were: Rog Marlow, Rita and Jerry Cook, Barry and Vanessa Valier and children Baillie and Rhett, Joel and Thomas Fielek, grandchildren of Richard and Janice Valier, who were visiting from Arkansas. Also, Gertrude Rice and daughter Carol, Martha Bauman and grandson, Lane Bauman.

Former students and their spouses visiting after lunch were Janet Rice Koehne, Robert and Frances Rice DeWitt and Dale and Betty Lee Thompson. Reservations were received from Estella Inabnit Willey and Robert Waller Swisher but they were unable to attend.

The reunion committee extend a special thanks to Marceil Reminger for the use of the former schoolhouse and to Neal McClure Funeral Home and Searby Funeral Home for the use of their tents.

MEMORIES OF SCHOOL DAYS AT MONTGOMERY

by Frances Valier Milam

Where to start, there are so many memories. I suppose the best place is at the beginning. In the fall of 1948 I left the safety and security of my parent's home and stepped out into the big academic world. It wasn't a very long walk from home to the schoolhouse. Although I don't have that many memories of my first grade, I do recall one incident. It was Halloween time and we were having a party at school. I'd seen enough scary faces to suit my liking so I decided it was time for me to head home. However, Mr. McClain, my firstgrade teacher, had other plans.
I don't recall how close I got to home before he realized I was missing from school but he got into his car and came looking for me. I don't remember if he took me home and then back to school or if I was disciplined for running away from school.

In 1949-50 I had Mr. Marion Webb as my second-grade teacher. He was a very handsome young man and he drove a Jeep. He would give us rides in his Jeep, driving around the schoolyard and crossing the small ditch in the north schoolyard. He also fixed a swing in a large tree that stood in the north yard of the school It has since been cut down but it was while being pushed very high in that swing that I became keenly aware that my feet were to be planted firmly on the ground.

Miss Anna Schradel was my third-grade teacher. This was the 1950-51 schoolyear. She was a good teacher and if she were working within the school system today she would be an art teacher. She taught us how to make molds using plaster-of-Paris. We made busts of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. We also made molds for sailboats and then painted them with a very shiny paint. We girls were also taught to knit. She opened a door learning that we had never been exposed to before.

Mr. Charles Robinson was my fourth-grade teacher. I really don't have many memories of him but I had great respect for all my teachers and held a great respect for him also. One incident with him I do recall involved his use of Sucrets. He smoked and I know now he used Sucrets
to cover up that fact. I was very fascinated with the box they came in and also the fact that they were wrapped in silver paper. I knew it was wrong because I'd been taught not to steal, but I just couldn't resist the tempation. First thing I knew, one of those Sucrets was in my hand. But you know what, someone saw me take it and told Mr. Robinson. Probably saved me from a life of crime. That was the 1951-52 schoolyear.

With the coming of the 1952-53 schoolyear, a wonderful woman came into the lives of we children attending Montgomery. Her name was Bertha Heape. She was a kind, gracious, loving woman whom I admired very much. She would be my teacher for the next three years.
She had beautiful white hair. Used Avon handcream and often would wear a necklace that matched her dress. Often on Fridays we would have freetime. She would read us

books, or sometime in the winter we would make fudge. She made learning a very pleasant
experience. At the end of the 1954-55 schoolyear, knowing this was the last year school was to be held at Montgomery, she took each of us to her house to spend the night. Peggy Beckham, Carolyn Green and I went one night. She took us to the movies. Wow! What a treat. I went to Montgomery through the 7th grade. I completed the 8th grade at
Benton Road School, graduating in 1956, along with Jack Fox.

We enjoyed each holiday, Valentine's Day, Halloween, and Christmas. At Christmas we would decorate the tree with strings of popcorn only to come back the next day to find the mice also liked popcorn. Who provided the Christmas tree, I don't recall, but it was placed in an old bucket and filled with ashes from the driveway. A white sheet was wrapped around the base to cover up the bucket. Each of us became little "stars" as we were each given a "piece"
for the program our parents came to witness. A wire was strung across the west area of the school and sheets provided the curtain from whence we could make a grand entrance. Oh what fun. I don't recall if we had gift exchanges or even if we received candy. We probably did, but I don't remember.

All in all, my school years were wonderful. Full of wonderful memories of time spent with fellow classmates and friends. Life was simple, times were good (this being seen through the eyes of a child) love abounded and always a loving home to return to at the end of a busy day.
What more could you ask for? Nothing.

NATION SCHOOL

District 46, Township 5-3
Location: North of Pinckneyville on Route 127 west of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Nation School

NORTH SIX MILE SCHOOL

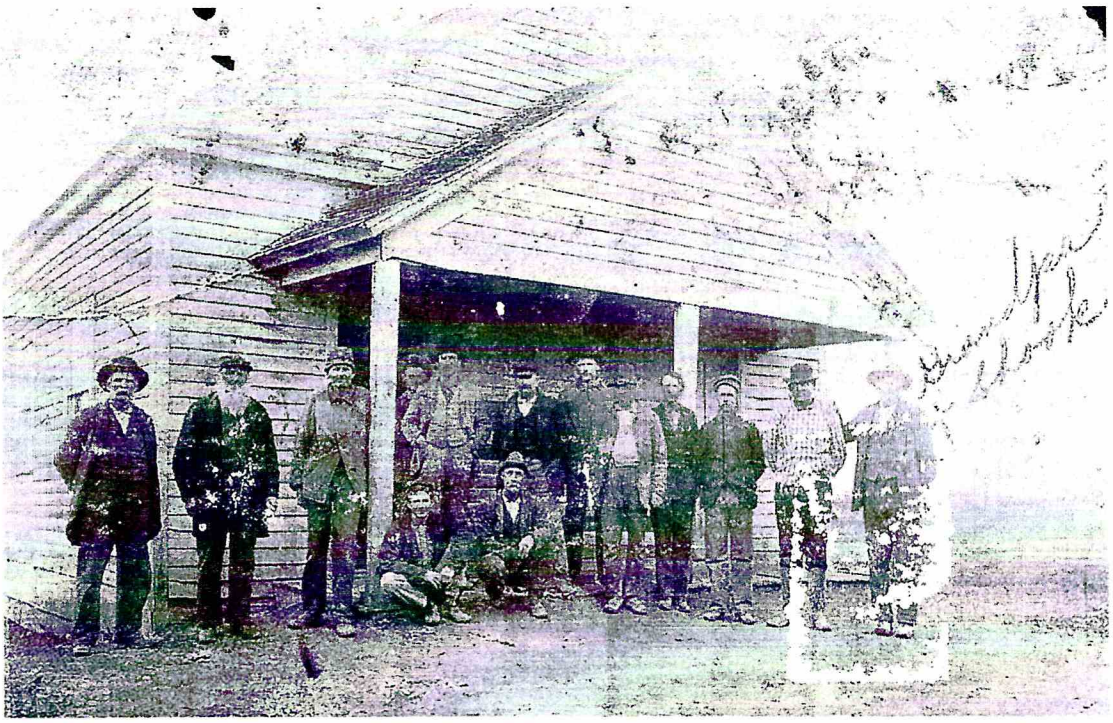
District 65, Township 5-4
Location: West of Pinckneyville on Route 154, a mile east of the Perry/Randolph County line.

North Six Mile School 1937

OLD DU QUOIN SCHOOL. [SIEFERT SCHOOL]

District 25. Township 6-2
Location: In Old Du Quoin

Old Du Quoin School



Board of Directors Meeting Old Du Quoin School

Lemuel Green Shook: School Director. Lemuel Green was born in St. Clair Co., IL the son of Sidney and Syrene Wilderman Shook. Sidney and Syrene had bought 100 acres in Old Du Quoin in 1875. Lemuel married Sarah Jane Van Horn on Nov. 7, 1878 and moved to Old Du Quoin farmed the land and operated a grocery store until his death on April 25th 1915.

Old Du Quoin School

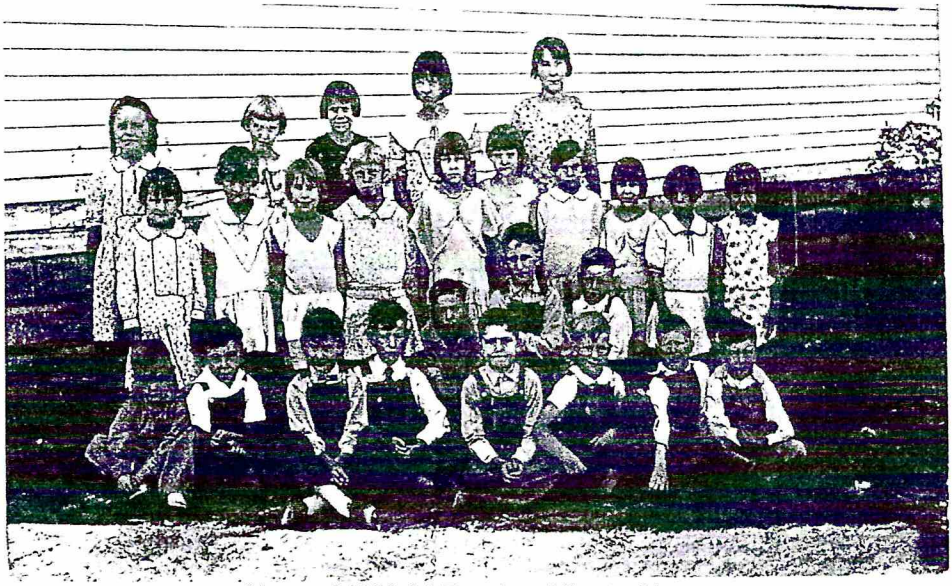
Class of 1928-29

Row 1: Clifton Siefert, Olin Galloway, Ralph Galloway, Dwight Preston, Cleo Harris, Iris Hertel, James Furlow, Edward Harris, Delmar Alsberry, Edward Furlow, Ralph McMillan, Lawrence Beard, George Sloveer, Loren Felts, Willie Norris, Russell Cavins, Henry Slover.

Row 2: Delmar McMillan, Roberta Shook, Ida Mae Bowlin, Eva Furlow, Juanita McMillan, Mildred Galloway, Clara Beard, Mary Preston, Katheryn Gill, Ruth Miller, Earnest Galloway, Dorothy Galloway.

Row 3: Mr. Lee, Mrs. Shaw, Margaret Miller, Clifford Bowlin, _____, Myrtle McMillan, Dorothy Neal, Lucille McMillan, Opal Beard, Norma Neal, Mable Norris, Mildred House, Louise McQuire, Lyle Beard, John Campbell, Robert Furlow, Lucille Galloway.

Row 4: Fay McMillan, Carl Cavins, Mae McMillan, Dwight Beard, Anna Mae House, Charles Fred.



Class of 1930-31 Teacher Alberta Shurtz

Row 1: Bobby Shook, Ralph Galloway, Richard _____, Dwight Preston, James Furlow, Kenneth Mann, Delmar Alsbery, Delbert Gowlin

Row 2. _____, Edward Furlow, _____

Row 3. Norman Jean Norris, Betty Lou Davison, Mable Slover, Ida Mae Bowlin, Flora Lake, Margaret Beard, _____, _____, _____, Roberta Shook.

Row 4: Ruth Miller, Anna Mae Nann, Elsie Slover, Mary Preston.

7th & 8th Grade Class 1935 - 1936

Row: 1: Delmar Alsbery, Jesse Rea, Marie Bartleson, Freddie Paul Davison, Clarence Mifflin, Roberta Shook.

Row 2: Ida Mae Turner, Clara Beard, Juanita Pugh, Ruth Beard, Dorothy Galloway, Ruth Miller, Richard Norris, Clara Mifflin.

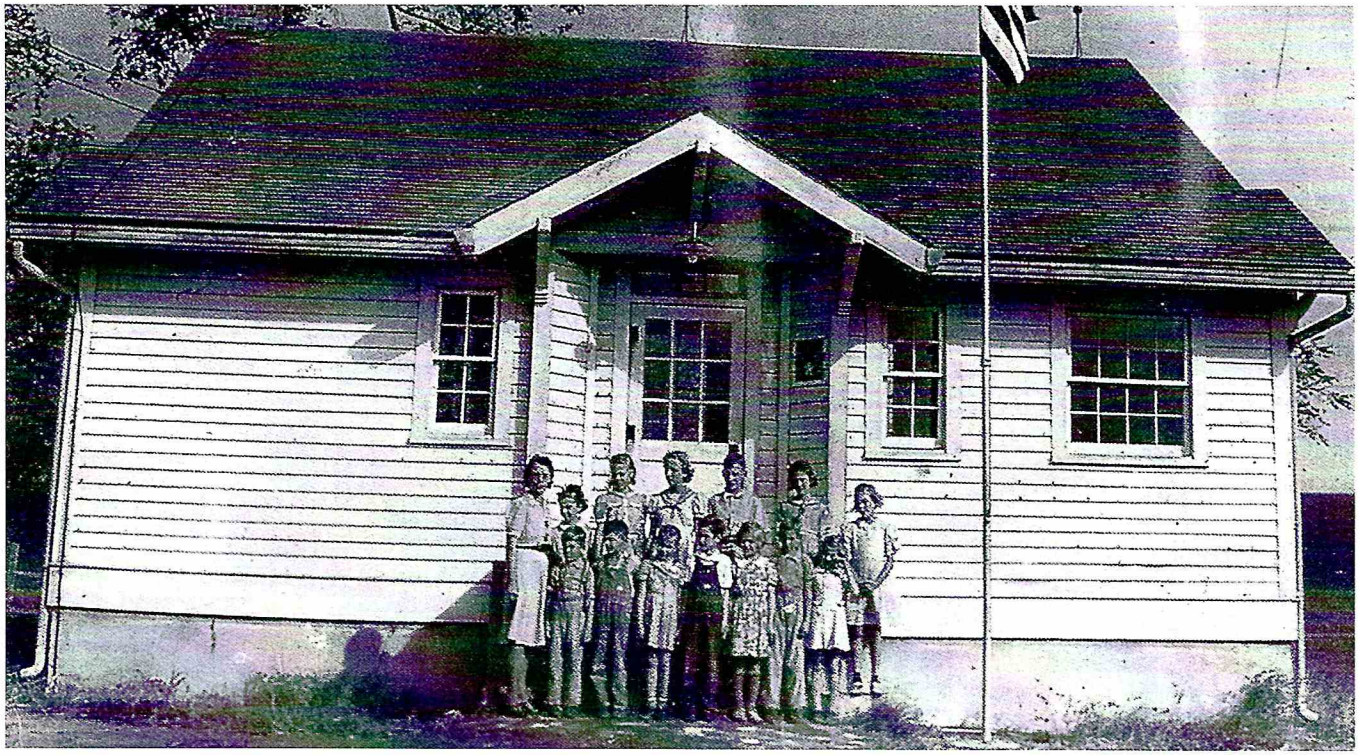
Teachers, Students Together Again At Old Du Quoin

Approximately 80 past teachers and pupils of the Old Du Quoin School gathered Sunday June 24th 1984 for a reunion of the young and the old during an outdoor picnic at the summer home of Roberta (Shook) Boyett in Old Du Quoin. Pictured above are the alumni of the tiny school that dates back to before the year 1900.

Pictured above are some of the oldest students and pupils of the school. They are (left to right) Ida Davison, Myrtle Beard, John Mann and Ollie Kelley (Call Photo's)

OZBURN SCHOOL

District 36, Township 6-2
Location: Former wye at the intersection of Routes 152 an 13/127.



PLEASANT GROVE SCHOOL

District 73, Township 4-3
Location: Six miles southwest of Rice.
No Information Submitted

RED BRUSH SCHOOL

District 2, Township 4-1
Location: Six mile northeast of Tamaroa.
(no information)

RED BRUSH SCHOOL - Dist. # 2 (there is no Dist. # 1) located in the extreme NE corner of Perry Co. About 5 or more original record books are on display NOW at the Rural Heritage Ag. Museum. Lots of interesting research can be gleaned from them which span from the 1908 - 09 school year to the closure of one room schools in 1945 - 46.

In a short scan, I wrote down some of the last names of the early students which were BROWN, SMITH, BRIGHT, PITKIN, BARLOW, MARSDEN, TOLMAN, COOLEY, PATTERSON, HANSEN, HOLMES, CONNELL, CAMERON, DAILY, MILLER, JAYNES, MANNING, EMERSON, TIERSON, BURNS, HANSEN, TABOR etc. MONA EATON, TEACHER made a salary of $40 a month, as did the following teach J.P. GILMORE. A report of the condition of the school building and property was supplied, as well as the no. of books in the library etc. It was noted that 43 trees were in thrifty condition on the school premises of the school AND school closed at the end of MARCH in those early years!!! In notes I took, I saw whereteacher, Marie Bell made a salary of $50 a month? (or was that for the year?)

This area is now predominately a Polish settlement, but the first Polish names came about 5 yrs. later. The comments about the students progress, OR lack of progress, are interesting to read, and you may want to visit the museum shortly and glean more notes than I did on my short visit on Sunday afternoon.

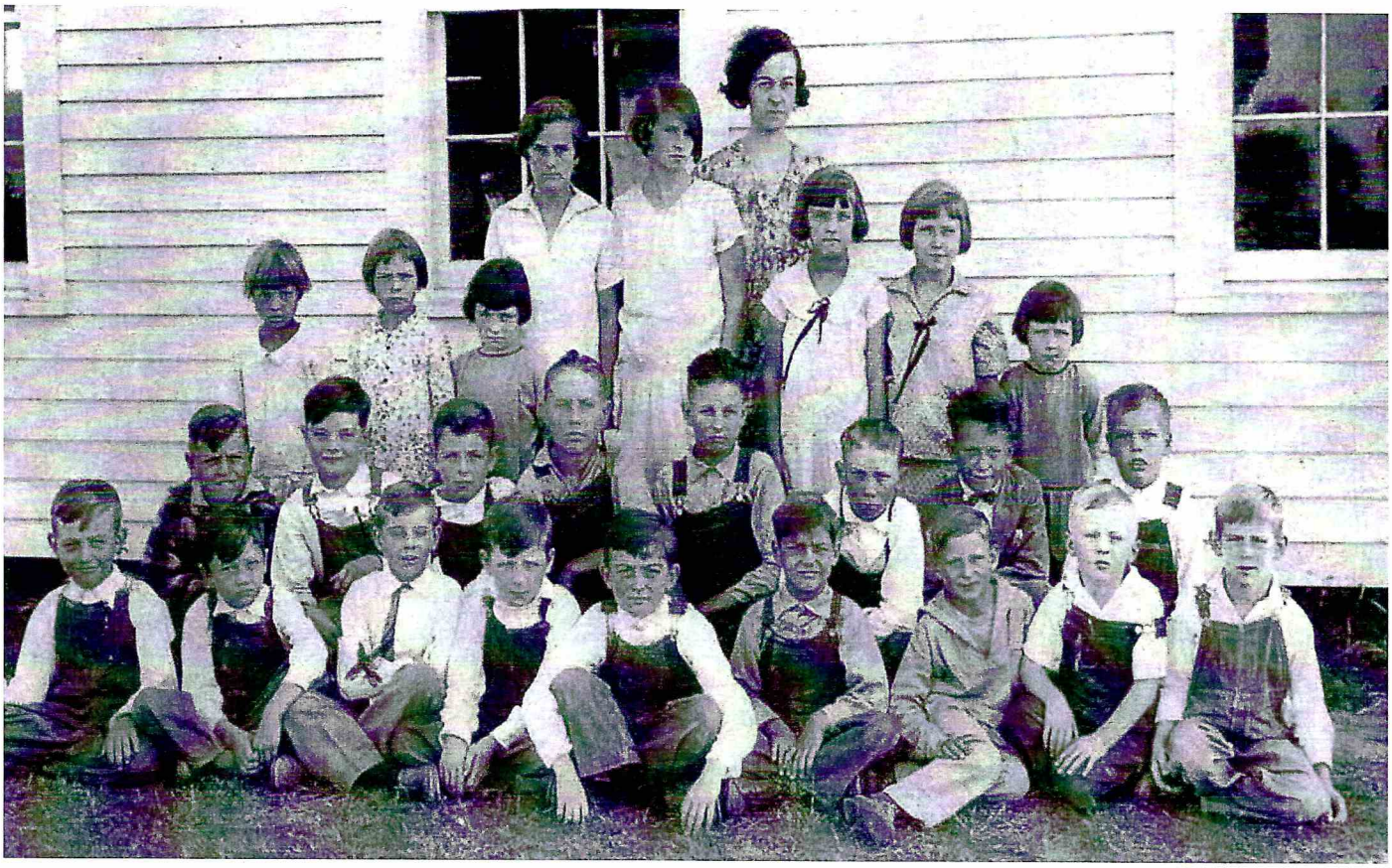
I stumbled into this display on my stop last week to buy tickets for the JUNE 4 2016 TRACTOR DRIVE - EVENING MEAL - ENTERTAINMENT coming up. Publicity is being put out about the event, and weather permitting should be a "must see" for anyone interested in Agriculture.

Flossine Schrader

PURDY SCHOOL

District 23, Township 6-1
Location: State Route 14, about a half mile east of Route 51. The building has been moved to the John A. Logan campus.

Purdy School



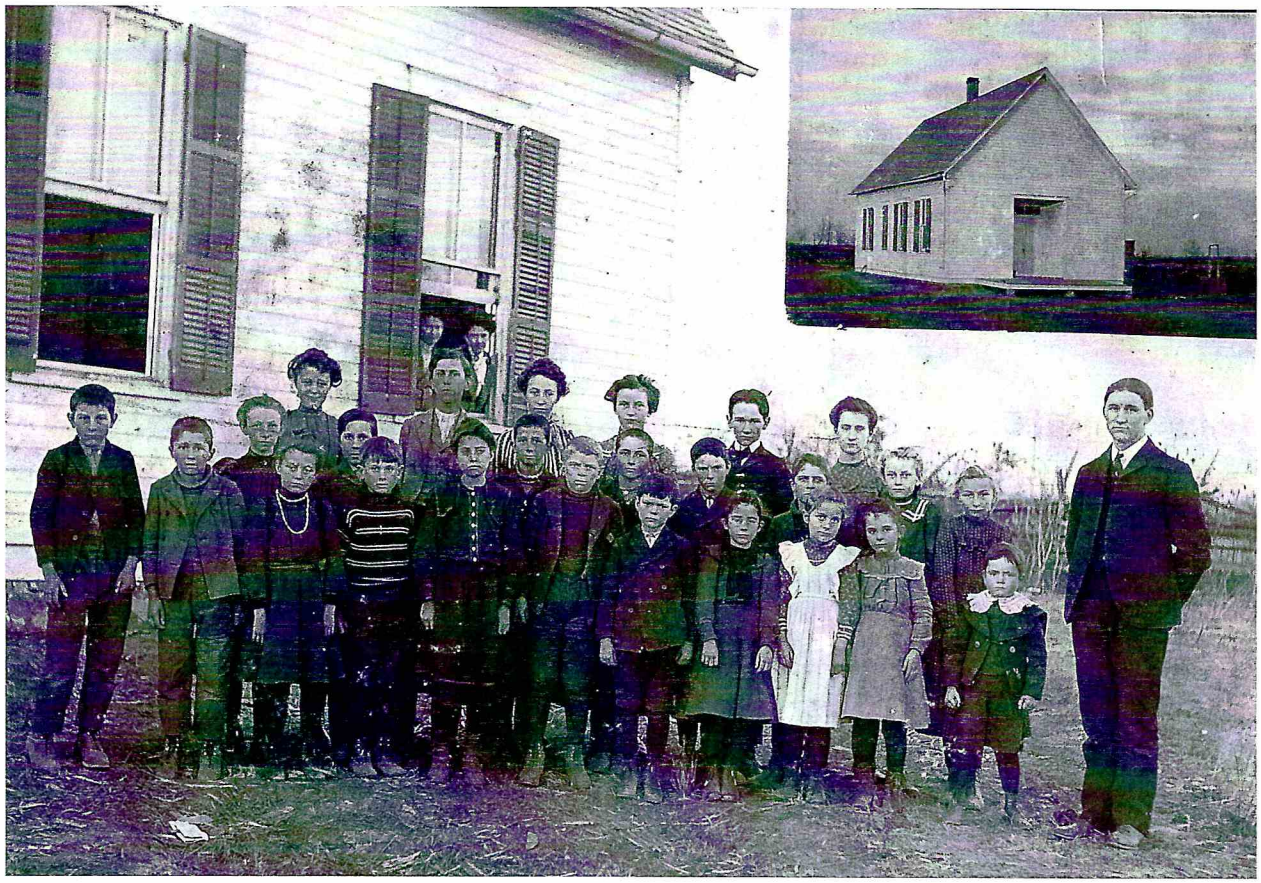
Purdy School

The Purdy School, formerly located in Perry County, IL., served as a one-room public school from about 1860 until 1951 when the county schools were being consolidated. The Purdy School was named after Edwin Perkins Purdy who moved to "Old" Du Quoin about 180, where he and his wife, Kate (Porter) farmed, cut timber, and organized "singing schools" and "Sunday Schools" which were held in the on-room school.
It continued to be used as a polling place and community center until 1981 when it was purchased by Harold and Ara Jean (Hartsock) Rice who made the school a gift to the John A Logan College Foundation for its use as an historic building in the Harrison-Bruce Historical Village. Edwin Burbank, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Harold Rice, donated the land to Perry County on which the schoolhouse was built, and four generations of Mrs. Rice's family attended the Purdy School. This turn-of-the century school was moved to the John A. Logan Campus on September 16, 1983 and was restored through the generosity of the Julia Harrison Bruce Foundation to reflect an earlier time. School children throughout southern Illinois can schedule and experience a one-room school session with vintage textbooks, slates and chalk, a recitation bench, a pot-bellied stove, and recess games that reflect an earlier time in school.

An excerpt from the "100 years ago-Harking Back Section" of the Du Quoin Evening Call (circa 1917) stated: "There is to be a box social at the Purdy School. All who can are urged to come out for the social; all proceeds derived from the sale of the boxes are to be turned over to the Red Cross benefit. Miss Mary Gipson is the teacher at the Purdy School."

PYATT STATION SCHOOL

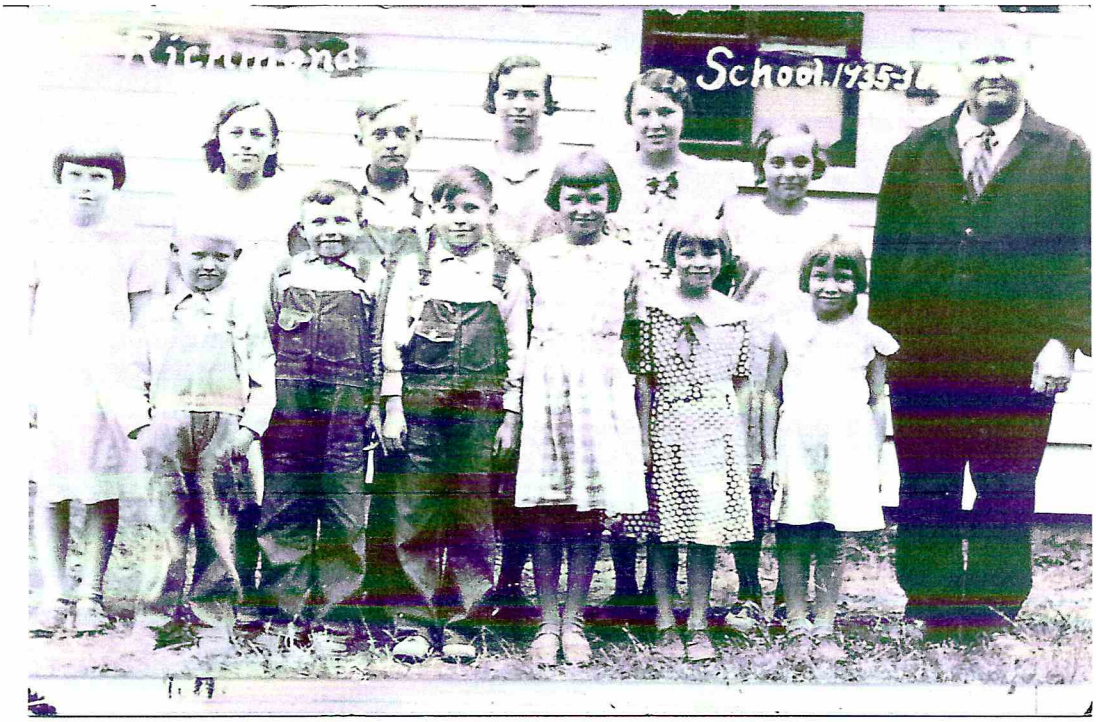
(This may be Ozburn School)



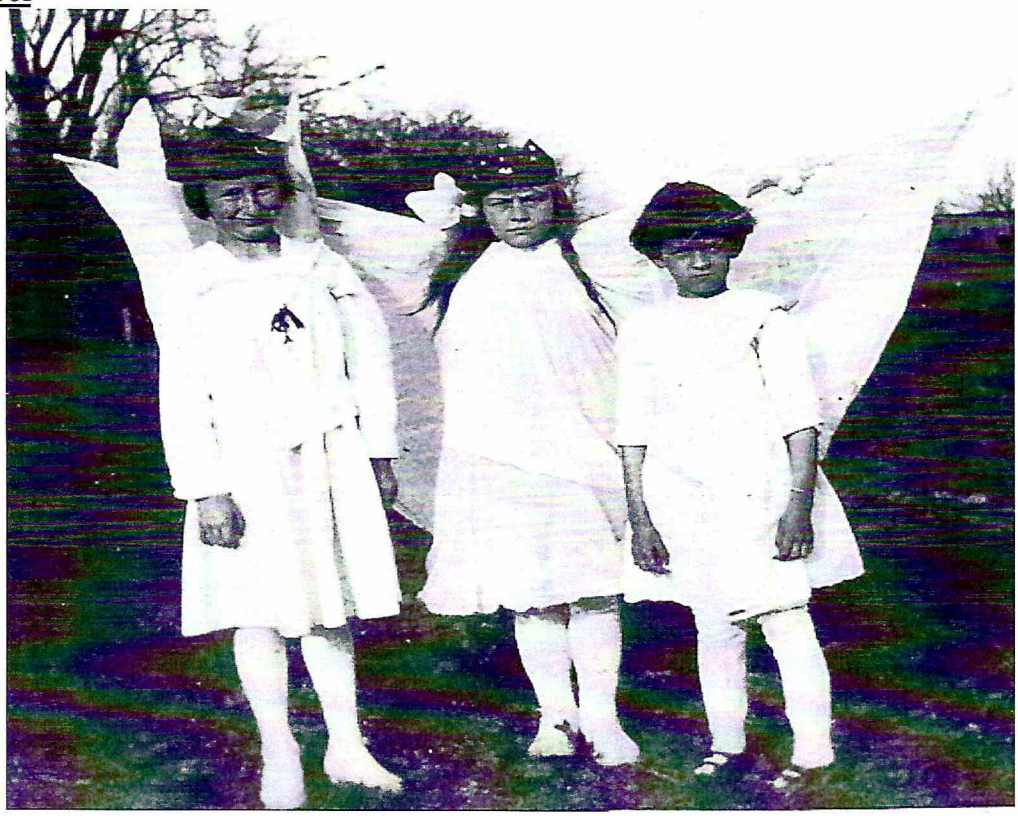
RICHMOND SCHOOL

District 67, Township 5-4
Location: Southwest of Pinckneyville.

Richmond School- Oct. 8, 1911
Back Row- Lydia Brune, Ed Roethe, Alta Fulton, Raymond Gerstenschlager, Pearl Brown, Oscar Beck
Middle Row- Geo Brown, Pauline Gerstenschlager, Alphionse Beck, Mary Brown, Walter Brune, Rose Fulton, Elmer Webber, Edith Brown, Teacher Florence Shaw
Back Row- Lawrence Holman, Louis Brune, Elmer Rheinecker, Nora Brune, Aqnes Browns, Albert Beck, Alfred Caupert and Harry Brown



Richmond School



Richmond School Program
Theckla Brune, Mabel Berg, and Marie Rial dressed for their parts

School Skit

Richmond School

Sisters Cleta and Hilda Berg

RICHMOND ONE ROOM SCHOOL DAYS
BY
WILMA ENGELHARDT

I lived about ½ mile from this school, so I walked to and from it most of the time. When the weather was very rainy, and there was a chance the bottom land between our house and school would be under water, my Dad would hitch up his 2 horses and drive me to the school. A neighbor girl from a farther distance than I, one day fell into the watery stream and got wet! The folks who lived across the road from the school, loaned her some clothing so that she could attend school, while they dried her wet garments.

The school was located in a very rural area, but not far away was another school located nearer Conant, Il. where a parochial school was attended by the Lutheran children. One year they had no Pastor/teacher, so they came to our public school. We enjoyed having the larger attendance. It did not last long as later they acquired a new Pastor/teacher.

We had a big stove for heat in the Richmond School. The teacher was required to make the fire in it to keep us all warm, and maintain the upkeep of the room by sweeping and dusting etc. At Christmas time, some kind person donated a cedar tree for the schoolroom for the children to decorate for the season. If an icycle or piece of paper roping accidentally fell to the floor, we were allowed to keep that piece, rather than put it back on the tree. I salvaged a few pieces and took them home to put on my tree, which was a small cedar branch, attached to a window frame. (I never had a real Christmas tree until I was a married woman). In winter when snow covered the ground, we school children took to the little slope behind the school and went sleigh riding! I was an only child, and some of the children had sleds , and those who didn't asked their fathers to make them one out of wood. We kids really enjoyed that small hill when it snowed enough to go sleigh riding!!

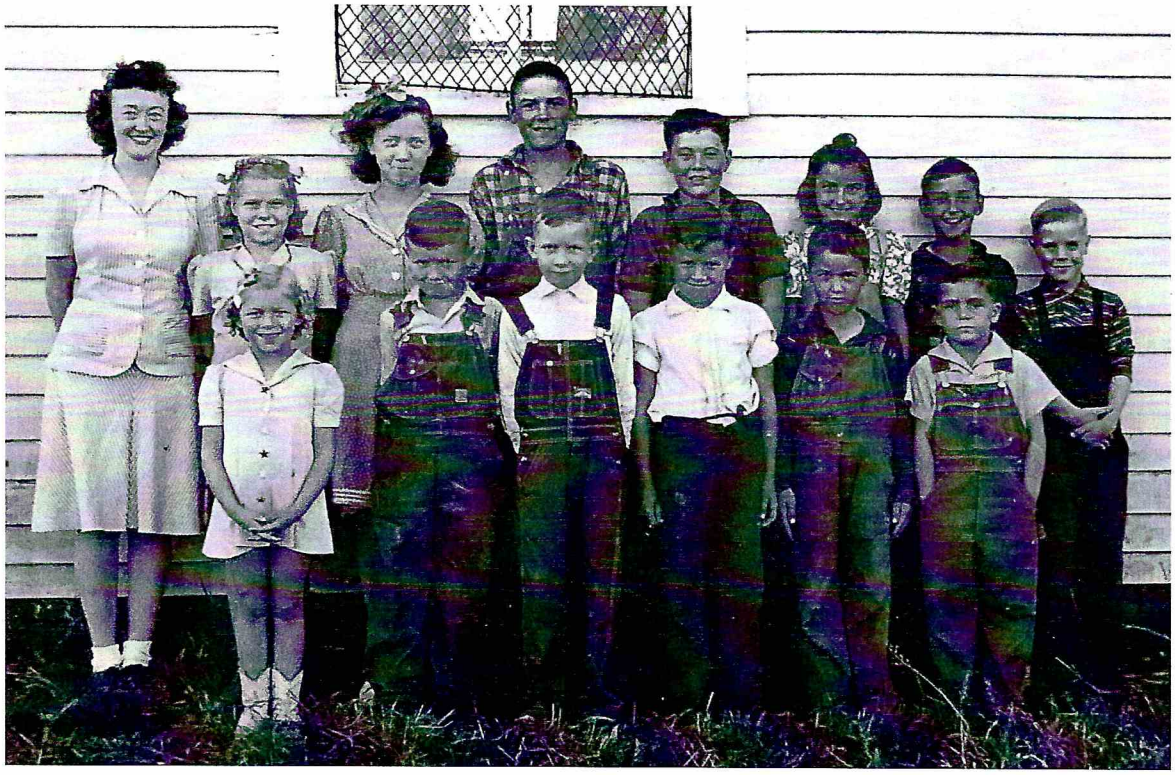
We had Riley Jenkins for a teacher one year. He and his wife Cleo, did not have children. He was a strict teacher, but a kind gentleman. He sometimes took 2 or 3 kid home with him, and we were treated to a movie, and slept at their house all night and returned to school next day. What a good lunch his wife had in our dinner bu ckets the next day! He was strict on behavior, but good to us. Later we had a lady teacher, Beatrice Dial, who was not from our local area, but boarded at someone's home. The last year, our teacher was Vernon Martin from Cutler who taught us. By this time our school attendance had dropped to 7 students. A couple students from the Lost Prairie Lutheran Parochial school came in order to receive their graduation certificate from 8th grade, which was required by the State of Ill. The teacher gave a prize to the first one to learn the multiplication tables. Wilma Englehardt was eager to win the prize by learning them first! This caused many tears from a boy schoolmate who wanted to be first badly.

In those days, the outside toilets were places you could hide behind, or use a tree or two, to play hide & seek, a popular game to play at recess. Once during the schoo year, we had a pie supper to raise money for the school, to buy supplies, or books etc. Each girl student would bring a pie in a decorated box to be auctioned off by a member of the school board to an interested young man, who would bid to buy it. If successful, the couple would then sit and eat the pie together and once in a while it started a "friendship" No such thing as a school lunch program existed in those days. You bro't and ate for lunch whatever your mother sent with you in a tin bucket. Maybe a fried egg sandwich, or apple butter sandwich and a couple cookies or apple from a tree. That little one room school was the light of my life. I loved it!!! My parents would not permit me to go to High School and often one had to walk a long way to meet a bus somewhere in the rural areas. In my case I would have had to walk to the Conant, Il. store where my schoolmates met. In a short time I was asked to work out for people who wanted a hired girl, and that is how my teenage years were spent. Working for people, not going to school.

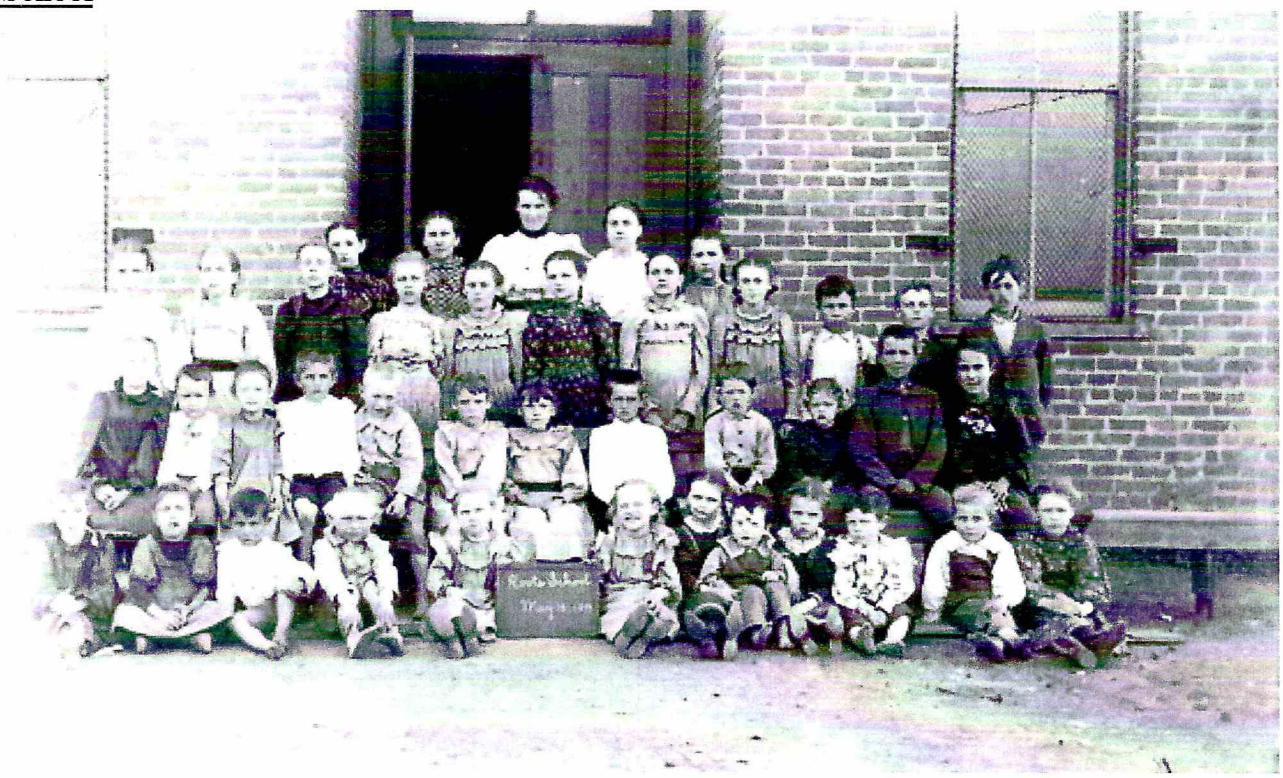
In that era, the country roads were not improved and were all dirt roads that became impassable in wet seasons during the "depression years". In the WW II era, gas & tires were rationed, forcing the school bus to stay on all weather roads. Some High School students were forced to find a room w/relatives or friends in town in order to attend and graduate to prepare for life as an adult, especially in the field of education or nursing. Not all parents could afford this added expense for their children.

ROOTS SCHOOL

District 11, Township 5-1
Location: On Route 51 two miles north of State Route 154.



Roots School



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ROUND PRAIRIE SCHOOL

District 27, Township 4-2
Location: White Walnut road near the intersection with Todd's Mill Road and Shamrock Road.

ST. JOHNS

St. John School Teacher Vivian Mitchell with class in 1940 - Bottom Row L to R: Jackie Opp, George Purcell, Lloyd Hammond, Otto Smith, James Loucks, Charles Genesio, Carl Bibbs, Billy Varnum. 2nd Row (kneeling) L to R: Jackie Davison, Fuzzy Allen, unknown, Janine Purcell. Standing (Staggering up and down): Unknown, Dorothy Genesio (Blonde), Virginia Genesio (Willi), Jean Stowers, Dalares Elaine Fred, Clara Jane Jackson (Smith), Alma Shelton, Unknown tall girl in back Dollie Terry?, Unknown short girl in front, Erma Jean Stevens, Dorothy Harton, Elizabeth Farthing, Roberta Quinn, Edith Elder, Daisy Stowers, Maude Jones (King), Shirley Martin, Darlis, Darlis Krug.

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St. Johns School 1938 - Clara Jane's Jackson 1st year Teacher Miss Edith Lee 1938
Top Row: Dorothy Geniso, Roberta Quinn, Dorothy Horton, Edith Neville, Alma Fay Shelton, Elone Fred, Mary Garrett. Bottom Row: Carl Bibbs, Lyle Dean Haner, Jackie Davison, George Pursell, Donald Bailey, Jackie Opp, Ott Smith, Buddy Neville, Charlie Huite, James Louckes. Second Row: Larence Gant, Shirley Martin, Annabelle Loucks, Daisy May Stowers, Clara Jane Jackson, Urma Jean Stowers, Marlon Scarber, Virginia Geniso, Mildred Scarber. If you have a 'Remember

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St. Johns

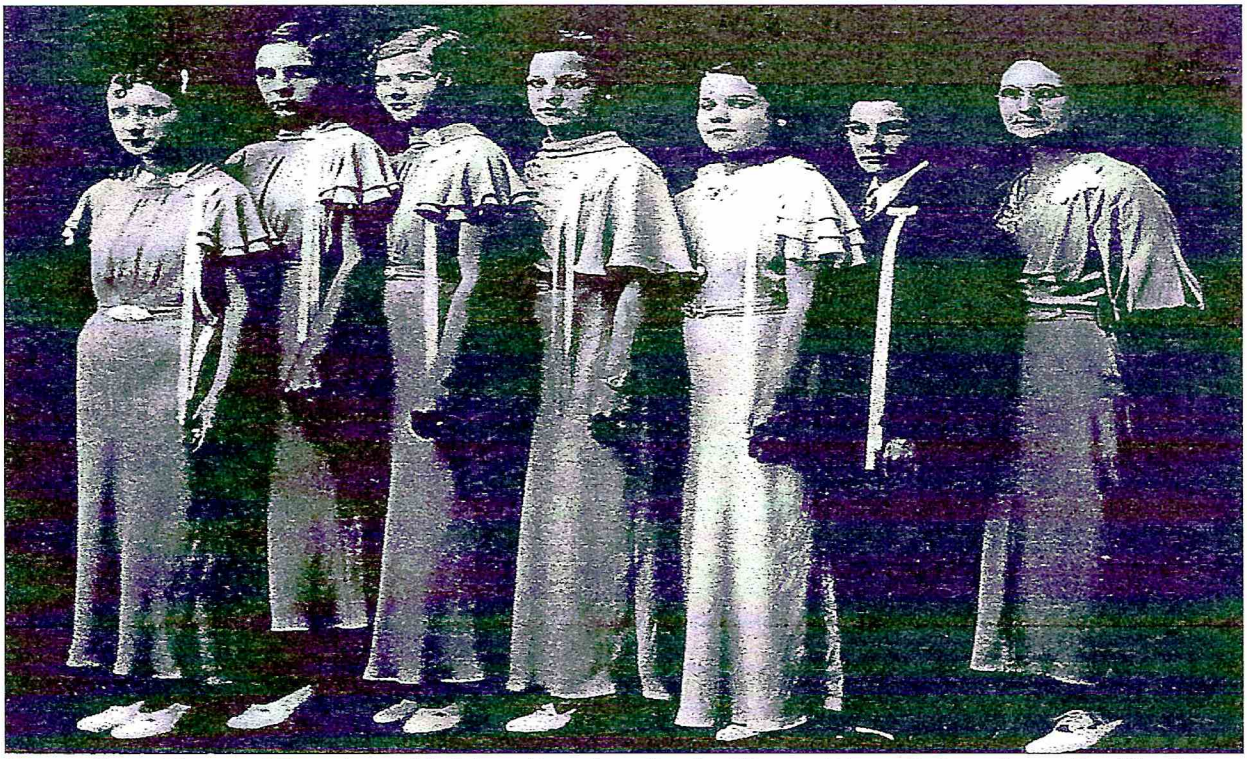
ST. JOHNS COLORED

See obituary for Thelma Pettiford

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

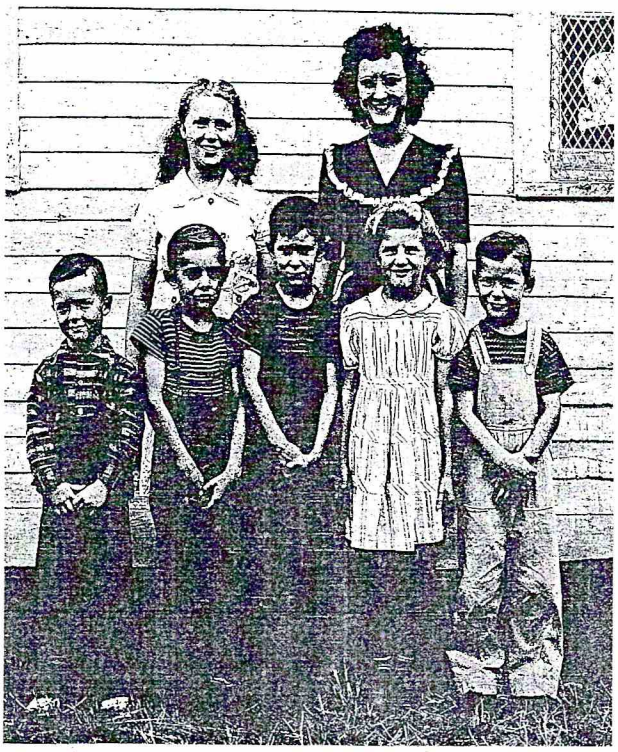
District 25, Township 4-2
Location: Swan Road.
See Todd's Mill

St. Marys 1930



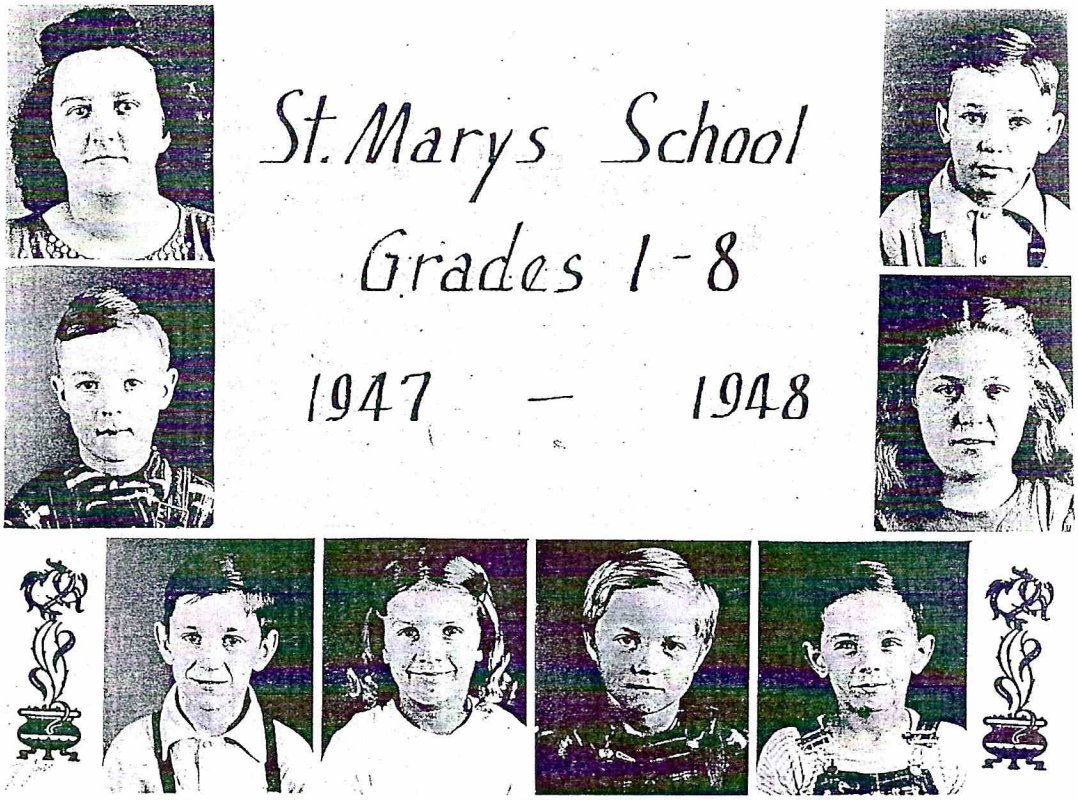
Bernadine Pelker, Eleanor Nowakowski, Mary Bronke, Gerdy Wayer, Erma Schwarhop, Orville Schwarthop, and Lydia Bathon, teacher.

St. Mary's School

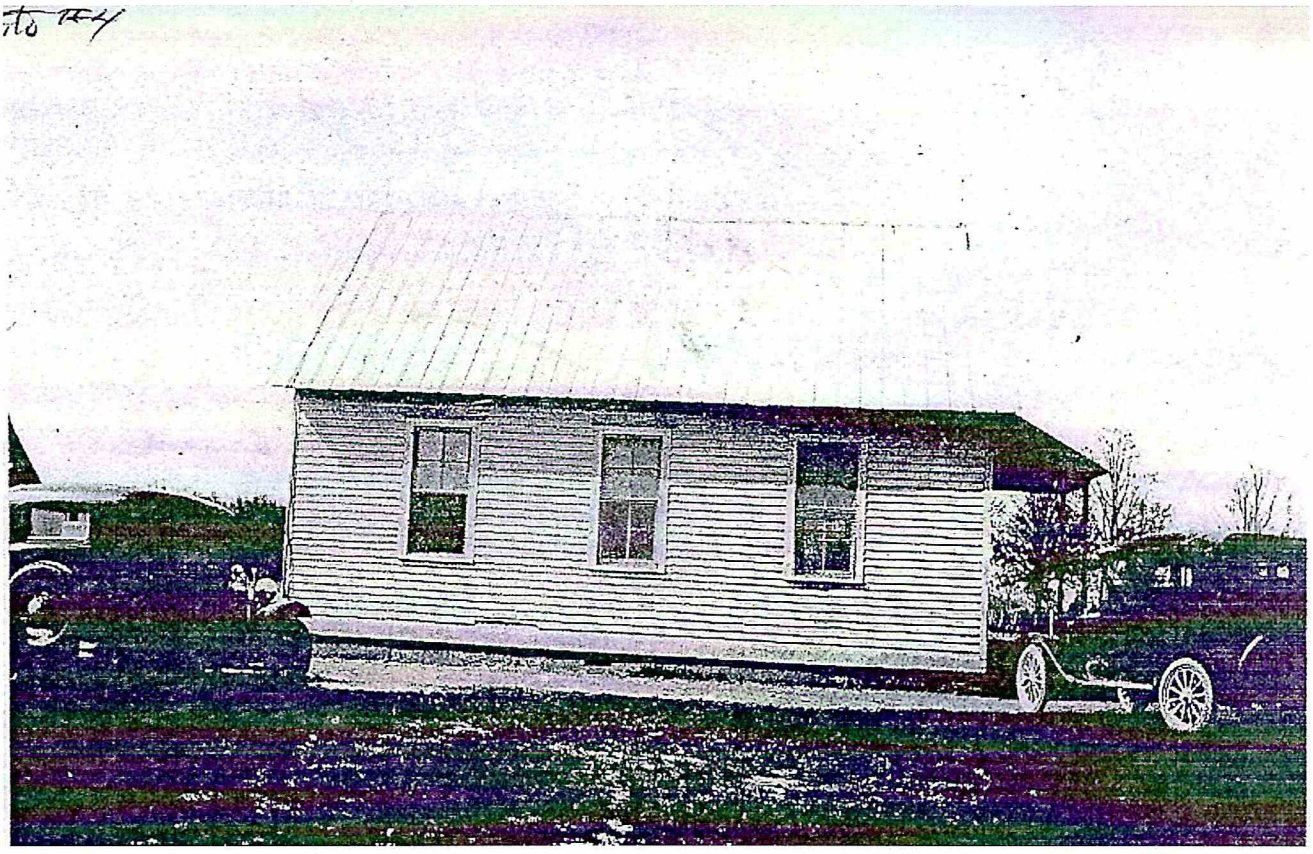


Front row: Clarence Smelter, Timothy Bronke, Lawrence Zelasko, Joann Bronke, and Eugene Zelasko.
Back row: Deloris Belinski, Stella Wiscnewski, teacher.

St. Mary's School



Top row: Stella Wiscnewski, teacher and Norman Belinski
2nd row: Lawrence Zelasko and Deloris Belinski
Bottom row: Clarence Smelter, Joann Bronke, Eugene Zelasko, and Timothy Bronke.



St. Mary's School

One-room school project

I was born in 1924. I went to school at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School at Todd's Mill, a small settlement north of Pinckneyville. It was a two-room school with four grades in each room and our teachers were nuns. We went to church every day. Each room was heated with a wood stove. School started at 8:30 and let out at 3:00. Our classes included catechism, Bible history, arithmetic geography, reading, spelling, penmanship, history and civics.

Mom would make three dresses for my sister, Dorothy, and me before the start of school. These dresses were expected to last us for the year, so we changed into old clothes as soon as we got home and we only got one pair of shoes for the year. We carried our books in satchels that Mom would make from blue denim. Molasses buckets are what we used to carry our lunch in. Lunch might consist of molasses sandwiches or home-cured bacon, if we were lucky. If we had cake left over from the weekend that would be an extra treat.

After a day at school we then had a 1 ½ mile hike home. If the weather permitted we would walk through the woods and field. Each year Dad would cut a path for us to follow and we would cross the creek on a log with a handrail that Dad had put on it so we could cross without falling into the creek. If the creek got too high we had to walk the long way home which was closer to 4 miles. Some students who lived too far away would live at school during the week and only go home on weekends.

Every morning before heading to school we would milk the cows, a job we repeated when we got home in the evening. We tried to get as much work done on Saturdays as we could so we didn't have to do it all after we got home from school. We shelled boxes of corn for the chickens and Mom would feed them for us because the chickens would be ready to go to roost before we got home. We would carry wood to the back porch to use for the cooking and heating stoves for the week. Before the start of school in September we had to dig potatoes. We would put them in mounds and cover the layers with straw to protect them from the sun. Then when the weather started to turn cold we would carry them to the cellar to use during the winter. We would also be expected to strip sugar cane so Dad cold haul it to where it was made into molasses.

I don't think I'd want to go back to living the way we did when I was a kid. The way we lived then seems hard now but that is the way everyone lived so we didn't think anything about it.

Rosalia (Heisner) Sroka

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL

Parochial school, Township 6-1
Location: South of Du Quoin on Wells Street Road, now Four Star Industries.

History of Du Quoin Seventh-day Adventist School

Although there had been a Seventh-day Adventist church group in Du Quoin as early as 1879, it was not until 1901 that an elementary day school was organized and operated in their newly built church at 517 South Jefferson Street. Miss Lena Fletcher was the teacher. In 1902 Miss Annie B. Durie taught at the same location.

By 1903 the church members built a school in old "Advent Town" south of Du Quoin between the present highway and the Illinois Central Railroad. The building stood in the center of the square, now pastureland, on the south side of the east-west road which runs past the gas plant. This school was also a junior academy, teaching grades one through eleven. Professor Arthur G. Hoy was the first principal.

About 1916 this property was sold and another elementary school built on South Washington street. By 1908 a wing was added and again there was the junior academy. That building is now the Nazarene Church.

In 1923 when Washington Street became U. S. Highway 51 a new school location was contributed by W. W. Brayshaw on South Wells Street Road. There the church school and junior academy was built at the cross roads south of town. Professor Forrest Schoonard served as principal.

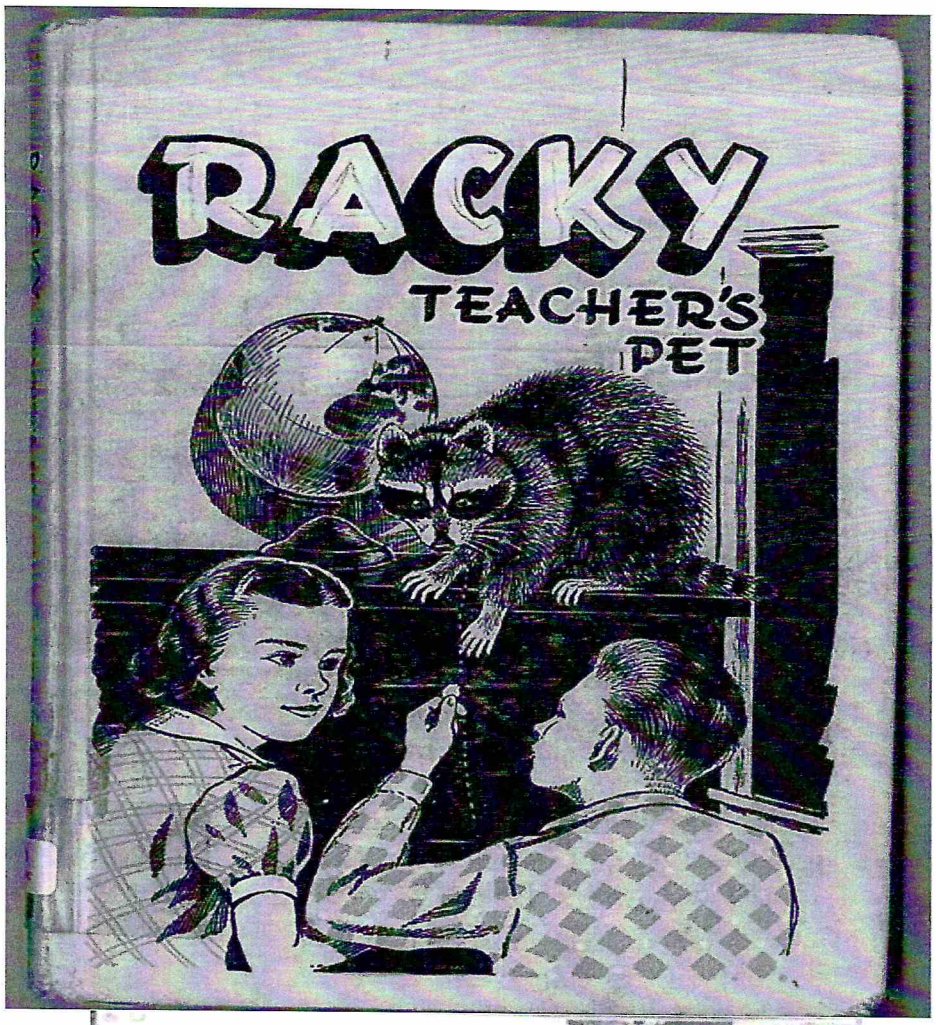
When that building was destroyed by fire in 1947 the 25 pupils with their teacher, Mrs. May Lemmon, moved classes to a room of the Adventist Church on South Jefferson Street. The six academy students with Principal Barr made use of a small building in the 800 block of South Washington Street.

By autumn of 1948 school was again in session at the old site on South Wells Street Road and Gas Plant Road where it continues to the present time (1964).*

From this school, over a. period of more than sixty years, have gone forth with many who become business men and women besides doctors, nurses, dentists, teachers youth leaders, authors, chefs, missionaries, and secretaries.

May (Brayshaw) Lemmon

*Note: The school did not operate during the 1964-65 term due to a shortage of pupils.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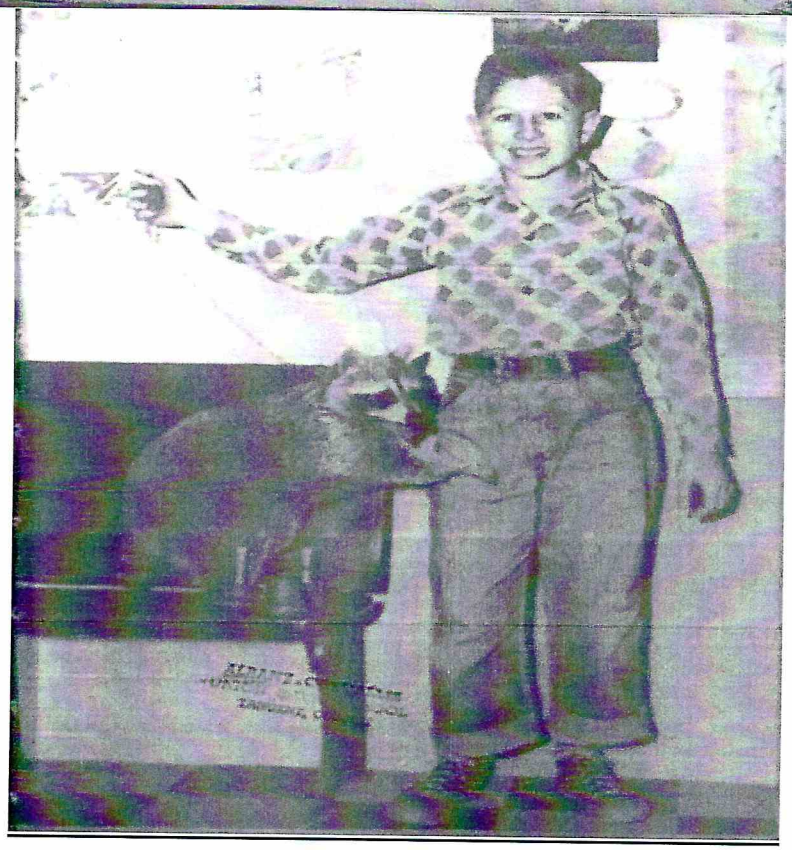
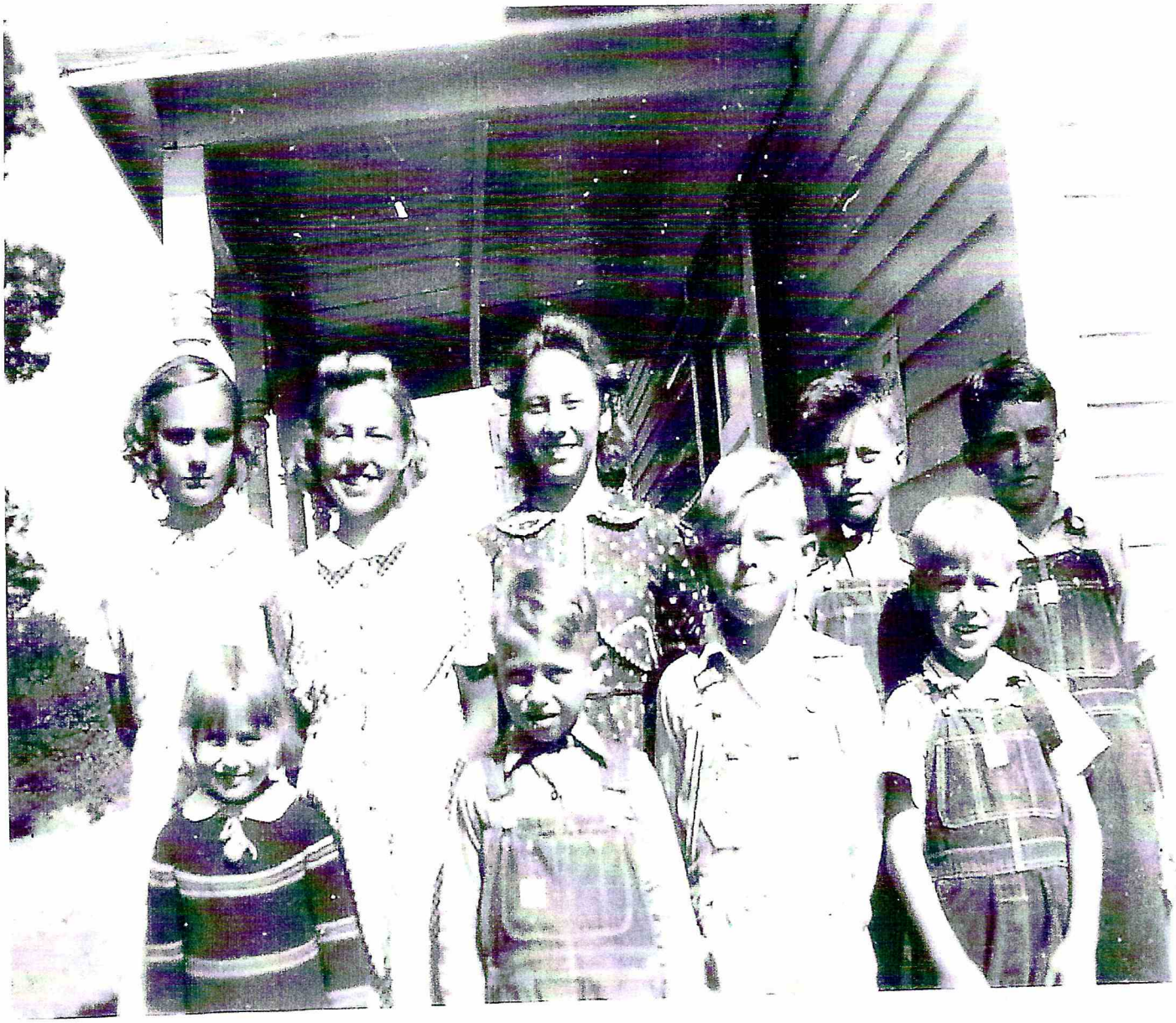


SHAKERAG SCHOOL

District 34, Township 5-2
Location: Southeast of Pinckneyville.



Shakerag School 1940-41

Back Row (left to right): Alma Killingsworth, Lois Short, Thearsa Monket, Merrill Queen, Russell Walker
Front Row (left to right): Betty L. Walker, Carl Queen, Dorsey Lynch, Billy K. Walker

The ol' days at Shakerag

by Russ Walker

I started school there the Fall of 1936. The Teacher was Mrs Verda Keith. She was our Teacher for two or three years. Her husband was Frank Keith, the County Clerk, and they lived on the North East corner of what is now Burning Star #2 and Coconut Roads. Roads didn't have names back in those days. After Mrs Keith, her daughter Ruby was our Teacher for a year or two. Along in there somewhere there was a lady name Reidelberger but I don't think that she was there for a full year and I don't recall who replaced her. The last three years that I was in grade school at Shakerag the Teacher was Iva Mae Walker, my Dad's Sister. One of those years she lived with us too. Bill, Billy K in those days, Betty and I were never unruly but I suppose that we were a little bit better behaved when our Aunt was the Teacher.

Bill and Betty went to Shakerag one more year after I started High School. That second year our Sister Ruthie was starting School. She was a little frail and the folks didn't think she should have to walk so Dad bought an old '36 Chevy and had the kids transfered to Slauson School. I dropped them off there on my way into High School and picked them up on my way home.

Yeah, we walked to school a couple of miles up through the fields and woods. One of the branchs that we had to cross was deep with vertical sides and there was a foot log across that one. One rainy evening as we were headed home a Skunk crossed or path just South of that log. We sure gave him the right of way. But he was wet and out of sorts and apparently headed for some place dry and didn't even look at us as he went by. Sure glad the Dogs hadn't come to meet us like they sometimes did.

Along that path that we took there was a couple of Apple trees there North of the Moak Place. I think that it had been a house place at one time but the only thing left were those trees. The best Apples that I ever ate. Always crisp and jucy. They were a green apple, not a Granny Smith, and I have often wondered what variety they were.

We couldn't eat them of course but just Northwest of the School was a patch of woods with some of the biggest Acorns that I ever saw.

Up near the road a storm had blown down a big tree and where the root ball had come out was a fair size hole. WW II was going on then and when us boys were playing War Games that was our Machine Gun Nest.

One of the years that there was Corn in the field just West of the School, it had been cut and shocked and was then being shelled by hand, leaving cobs laying around. Those fresh cobs took on a lot of water from a drizzly rain. Boys being boys we were throwing them at the Girls. Lois Short was behind a tree but I figured that with the cob going end over end past the side of that tree it might get some water on her. She stuck her head out to see what was going on and the cob, already thrown, hit her on the forehead. Today Lois says that she don't remember that but I sure do. She didn't tell on me though so I didn't get the paddling that I probably deserved.

Robert Rice and I got into it one time, I don't remember now what is was about but he punched me in the nose. When we got the bleeding stopped Mrs Keith (Verda) sent me out to cut the switch that she used on Robert.

We played ball a lot at noon and recess. First base was an Oak Tree, second was at the corner of the building and I don't remember third but it would have been out near the road.(This road,The Old Pinckneyville Road, had heavy traffic too. At times there could be as many as a half dozen autos go by in a week.) We never broke a window but one time the ball was hit way high and it went down the chimeny. It was a warmer time of the year so we recovered the ball. Good thing too as it was the only ball that we had.

That stove was a big cast iron monster with a large sheet metal shroud around it. I suppose that the shroud, opened at the top and bottom, improved the circulation of warm air. During the warmer times of the year when there was no fire, that Northwest corner under that shroud was shady, out of the way and sort of cool. One afternoon one of the dogs had sneaked in through the open door and was taking a nap back there. He had probably done this before but it came to every ones attention when he was having a bad dream. He was whimpering and kicking like he was running. The Teacher took a dim view of this and before the to do was over, Skippy didn't think much of it esther.

In the Fall of the year we built leaf houses. Up against the East side of a big tree we would

put a frame work of saplings and brush and then cover it with leaves, lots and lots of leaves. Of course some filtered through and this made a pretty cozy nest where we could eat our lunch during the chilly days that followed. Some times they were "Headquarters" during the war games. Thinking about it now; it is good thing that nobody smoked then.

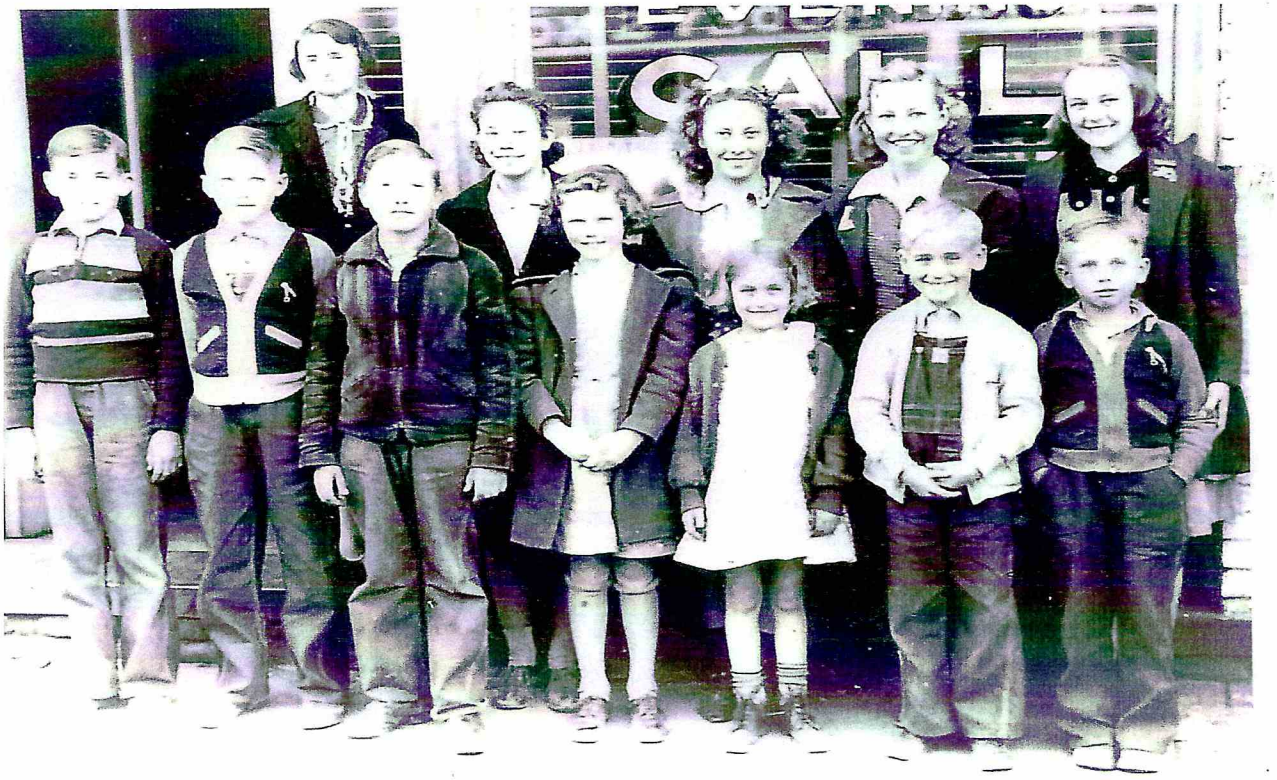
Just across the road and North of the School was a pretty steep drop off into the Little Beaucoup Creek Bottoms. At the top was a tree with a Wild Grape Vine growing up into it. We had cut the vine off at the base and it was a feat of daring do to run, grab the vine and swing out over the drop off and then back along side the tree. One time I must have run at that vine with too much angle because when I came back I hit the tree. Knocked me out. I came to before school took up again and we never told anyone about it because we would have probably been banned from swinging on that vine.

On that same hill when it was Snowy we would get our home made sleds and slide down the hill. There was a Barbed Wire Fence at the bottom but we would lay back flat to go under that wire. One time Karl Queen didn't get down in time and got that bottom strand just under his chin. The sled went on but Karl stopped. Yeah, he survived and nobody get sued.

In later years, when Teachers had cars, we would ocassionaly go on Field Trips. Some times to another School just to play ball. We must have won at Oak Grove because that is the only one I distinctly remember. Another time to the Du Quoin Evening Call. They had two Line-O-Type machines. Those things were really Hi-Tech in the 40s.

In 1944 there were 3 of us graduated. My self, Arthur Taylor and Violet Huggins. Several Schools got together and held the cermonies in The Cudgetown Church. As I recall, one other School had 3 graduates. Some only had one. The one from Slauson was Opal Roberts who in later years was my Sister-in-Law.

I have often wondered when was the last year there was school at Shakerag and who the Teacher was. It is my understanding that the Mine Co moved the building over near their works and used it for a tool shed



Shakerag School field trip to the Du Quoin Evening Call
Siefert School [see Old Du Quoin School]

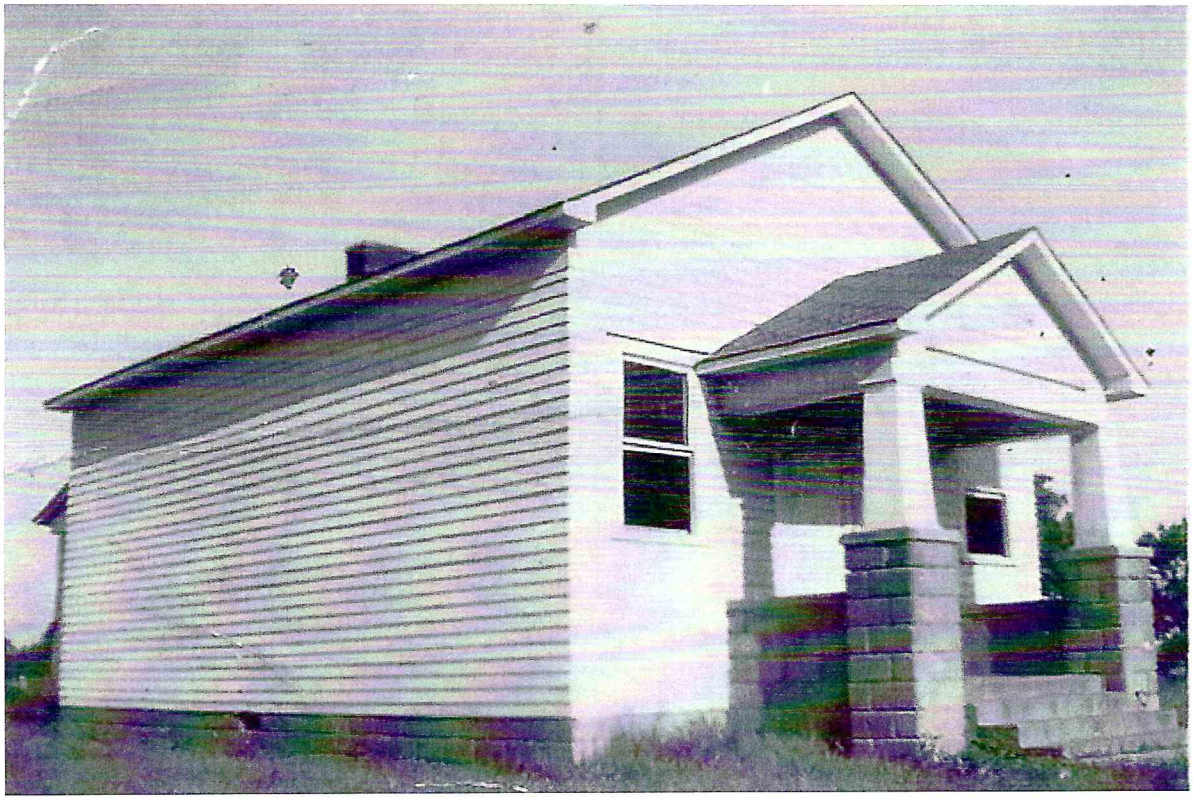
Back Row (left to right): Iva Walker, teacher, Phyllis Taylor, Patricia Moore, Lois Short, and Alma Killingsworth,
Front Row (left to right): Russel Walker, Merrill Queen, Arthur Taylor, Jean Dunson, Betty Walker, Billy K. Walker, and Karl Queen

SLAWSON SCHOOL

District 38, Township 6-2
Location: west of Du Quoin.
Open: 1856 Closed: 1955

1939-1940
Back Row (L to R): Harold Pundsack, Lorene Howerton, Jean Dunson, Catherine Wesslyn, Opal Roberts, Shirley Hamilton,
Front Row (L to R): Rita Epplin, Helen Roberts, Jack Hamblin, Harriet Mills, Audrey Hemmer
Teacher Jennie Hemmer

Slawson School



Year 1953 - 1954
Helen Houghland - Teacher

Myrtle Dorsey
Ronald Eisenhauer
Gary Hamilton
Lawrence Hutson
Harold Linze
Janet Moore
Shelby Morgenthaler
Alice Roberts
Billie Roberts
Richard Smid
Randall Steele
Bruce Taylor
Ruth Walker
Marion Wooldridge
Jerald Reidelberger
Wayne Huggins
Linda Moore
Freddy Roberts
Robert Shaw
Gary Steele
Pamela Taylor
Patsey Vandekerkhove
Mary Jane Walker
Norma Jean Walters

Cecil Dorsey
Henry Eisenhauer
Raymond Hamilton
Mrs. John Kaul
Louis Linze
Oscar Moore
Jacob Morgenthaler
Joe Roberts
Joe Roberts
Joe Smid
Vernon Steele
Ben Taylor
William Walker
Carl Wooldridge
Renzo Reidelberger
Herschel Huggins
Oscar Moore
Joe Roberts
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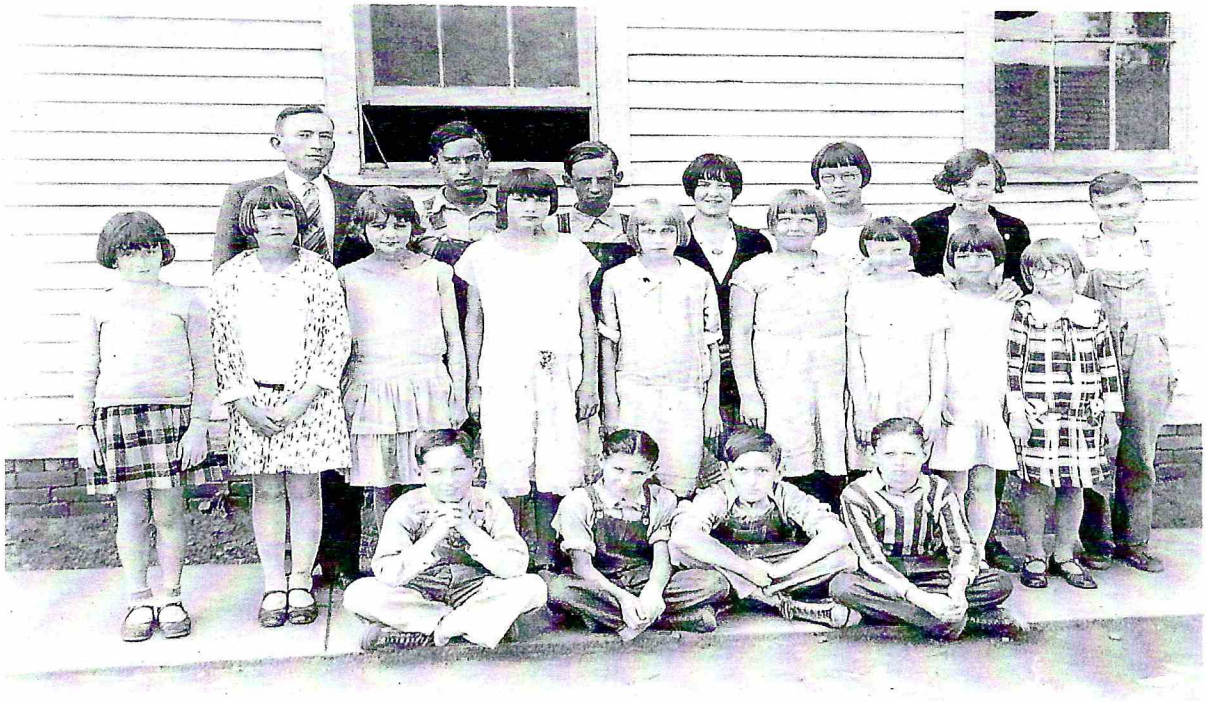
Ben Taylor
Mrs. Cecil Dorsey
William Walker
George Keiner

SUNFIELD SCHOOL

2 Room School
District 12, Township 5-1
Location: Sunfield.



Sunfield School 1929-30, grades 5, 6, 7, & 8

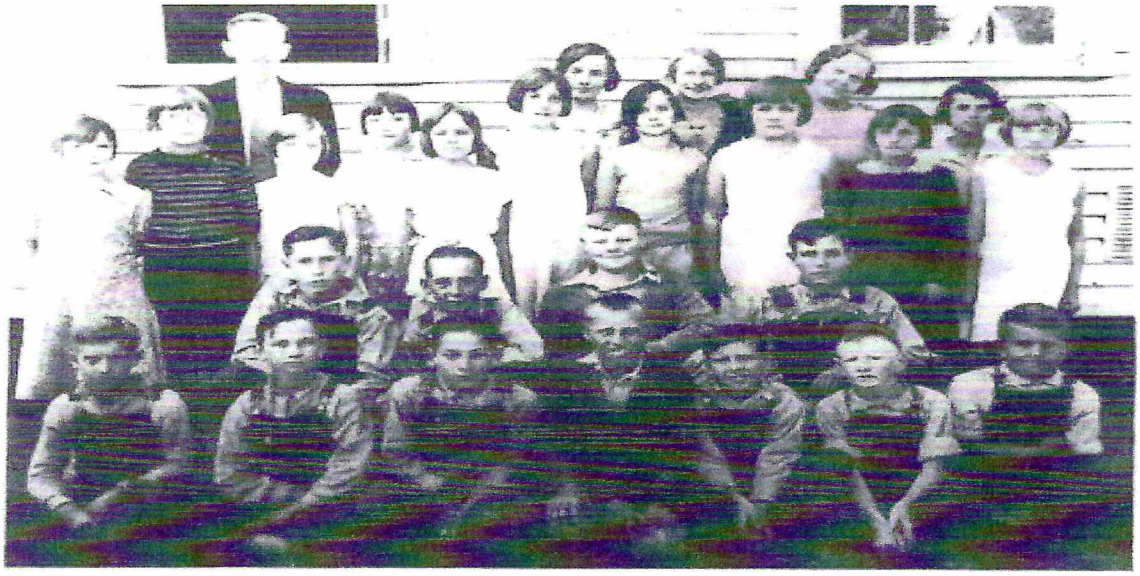
Sunfield School February 14, 1907

Sunfield School

Sunfield School

1945-1946
Teachers: Ethle Bailey, Alice Bailey, Marion Webb, Mrs. Bagwell, Mildred Hirsch
Front Row: John Kearby, Richard Bishop, Richard Loucks, Allewn Fisher, Eugene Bailey, Larry Goodwin, Delbert Fisher, Rev. Fred Bishop
Middle Row: Mary Jo House, Kay McClurken, Judith Eaton, Fred Paul Bailey, Mary Ellen Bailey, Donna Bishop
Back Row: Ray Purnell, Jerry Rainwater, Donald Fisher, Charles Bishop, John Jones, Larry House, Nancy Fisher D.
Teacher: Miss Ethel Bailey

Sunfield School



Picture 1:

Bottom Row L to R: _____, John Morris, Clyde Woodside, _____, _____/ _____Lively, Glen Revels, George Lively.

Middle Row L to R: Lyle Bailey, Paul Bishop, Dale Quillman, Tom Lively.

Top Row L to R: Catherine Eaton, Alice Dean Morris, Teacher-Harley Quillman, Frances Bailey, Norma Dean Bailey, _____, Isabelle Lively, Wanda Knapp, Helen Woodside, Katie Bailey, Minnie Bishop, _____, Francis Morris, Mary Morris, June O'Keefe.

Picture 2:

Bottom Row L to R: Gene Morris, Lou Allen Huffsteder, Vernon Carter, Loren Bailey, Charles Bailey.

Middle Row L to R: Katherine Krone, Geraldine Brayfield, Catherine Gremmels, Velma Haycraft, Lucille Bailey.

Top Row L to R: Opal Fisher, Fern Morris, Ruth Lively, Margie Fisher, Teacher-Harley Quillman.

SOUTH SIX MILE SCHOOL

District 68, Township 6-4
Location: southwest of Cutler, site stripped by the Captain Mine.

Front Row (left to right): Bernard Brown, ____Jones, _____ Jones, _____ Jones, Junior Smith, Herman Wagner, and Robert Bigham
2nd Row (left to right): Wanda Reese Fulton, Irma Smith Carter, _____ Jones, _____ Jones, _____ Jones, Janey Smith Svanda, Delores Benedict Meyer, Annabelle Craig.
3rd Row (left to right): Vera Hodge Heine (teacher), Herschel Smith, Bob Smith, and Nelson Smith.
This school was located south and east of Cutler in 6-4 twp. Captain Mine (Arch Coal) stripped the site. It was district #68.
Some of the teacher were Gene Goforth, Flossine Rule, Loa Runion, and Vera Hodges Heine.
Pictures from Delores Benedict, Meyer.

South Six Mile School

Perry County School District #68

Front: Bernard Brown, _ Jones, _ Jones, __ Jones, Junior Smith, Herman Wagner, and Robert Bigham.

2nd row: Wanda Reese Fulton, Irma Smith Carter, _ Jones, _ Jones, _ Jones, Janey Smith Svanda, Delores Benedict Meyer, Annabelle Craig.

3rd row: Vera Hodge Heine (teacher), Herschel Smith, Bob Smith, and Nelson Smith.

South Six Mile School was south and west of Cutler in Perry County Township 6-4. The Captain Mine (Arch Coal) stripped the site. Some teachers who taught at South Six Mile were Gene Goforth, Flossine Rule, Loa Runion, and Vera Hodges Heine. This picture courtesy of Delores Benedict Meyer and Delores Bauersachs

SWANWICK SCHOOL

District 60, Township 4-4

Class of 1904 Swanwick School, Front Row, Fred East, Walter Pinkerton, Elmer Guy, Walter Cunningham, Everette Lamont, Clarence (Bud) East, Arthur Brown, Cicero McCormick, Raymond McNulty, Ernest Huey, Willie Roy McCormick.

2nd Row: Martha Carter (Hunt) Ada Brown, Blanche Bickett (Lindsay) Zal Fullerton (Warren), Mary Cunningham (Robb), Maude Keisinger (Guy), Flossie Carter (Davis), Blanche Reisinger (Hubler) Ester Mason (Edger) Ester Huey (Ross), Aseneth Cunningham (pyatt), Maggie Barber, Irene Kenney, Ethel Lamont, Arthur Carter, Orphas Boner, Kate Vogel (Schwarz).

Back Row: Teacher, Helen Adella Milligan (Crockett), Myrtle Guy Robb) Freeman Gourley, Elmer Brown, Ada Miller, Margaret Bickett (Bonas), Margaret Boner (Aithkens), Etta Cunningham (Craig), Adella Pinkerton, (Reo Kennedy), Allie Kenney, Cora Miller, George Pinkerton, Willie Adair, Pearl Carter (Giacomo).

TANGEN SCHOOL

District 71, Township 6-4
Location: two miles south of Denmark.

Looking Back at Tangen School

Tangen School was located in District No #71 - Perry County-Campbell Hill.

George Quillman, son of Roy Quillman, donated information for this article. He attended school here from 1927-1935. Cleta Berg and Bernadine Hanna were his second grade teachers. His third and fourth grade teacher was Ruby E. Bigham. Fifth grade teacher was Bernadine H. Russell. Ruby E. Bigham was his sixth grade teacher, seventh grade, Lois Snider. Mildred Whitaker and Paul Meek were his eighth grade teachers. His classmates were as follows: Marie Luthy, Charles Schupback, Yvonne Snider, Clifford Luthy, Hilda Schwetzier, Edna Misselhorn, Wallace Misselhorn, Ervin Hoops, Harley Hoops, Irene Hartman, Hardin Hoops, Lewellyn Snider, Freddie Schupback, Marion Schupback, George Knop, John Montroy, Lucille Higgerson, Norma Hoops, Narma Quillman, Leland Luthy, Kenneth Bradley, Richard Hutchings, Jonnie Quillman, Raymond Bigham, Lois Luthy, Gertrude Firth, Eunice Stoffel, Beulah Higgerson, Alma Hager, John L. Luthy, Lawrence Knop, Mary Lu Knop, Orval Knop, Clement Glass, Cecil Glass, Iline Glass, Billy Higgerson, Edgar Glass, Robert Misselhorn and Nettie Lybarger.

School was held here seven months a year until 1928, then eight months. Attendance was 20-29 students a year from 1921-1925; 12-24 students a year from 1926-1932; and 13-18 students a year from 1933-1938. Until 1930 the average salary for a teacher here was $90 to $100 dollars a month. After that it was $400-$680 dollars annually with retirement of $10. A normal course for teachers was two years in 1938-1939. With four years college you made a higher salary.

In the school year of 1935-1936 the teacher came down with the mumps. School was closed but time was made up on Saturday. Swings and see-saw were added to the playground equipment that year. Some articles purchased for the school were: Paper (eighty-five cents), hectograph, Santa Claus suit, postage, construction material, letters of alphabet and play books. One pie social held brought $11.24.

The teachers had to report on articles of the school at the beginning and at the last of school. What condition they were in at the beginning and what condition they were in at the end of school year had to reported. Grounds: Fence, sod, trees, walks, flower beds, well, toilets and play equipment; School house: Outside, windows, doors, lock and key, floor, blackboard and safety devices against fire; Furniture: Pupils' desks, teachers' desks, chairs, recitation bench, book case (the teacher reported the book case was in good condition but the glass was broke at the first of the year and was the same at the last of the year), musical instruments (the teacher reported there were two instruments in poor condition at the first of the year and same at the last of year), wall pictures, broom and brushes, coal scuttle, shovel, heater, poker, dustpan and water fountain; Apparatus: Reference books, dictionaries, desk books, library books, maps, glove, charts and thermometer.

In September, 1928, teacher was Bernadine Hanna; president, Herbert Knop clerk, Arnold C. Knop and director, John Bradley. Other teachers were: Floyd H. Williams, Maude Smith, W.R. Jerkins, Marie Goforth and Mrs. Nettie Bradley.

Note: The information was taken from school records furnished by George Quillman.

School Days at Tangen

School days told by: George Quillman, born January 27, 1921, son of Roy and Mamie Quillman and married to Delores (Lybarger) Quillman on November 26, 1948. They will be celebrating their sixtieth anniversary this November. George and Delores aren't in very good health so wish them the best. The school was located about one mile across the field from George's home. He walked to school each day. If you walked on the road, it was a little further to school.

George had a little trouble when he was in the first grade. He just couldn't catch on how to count. His first grade teacher (Mrs. Julie Lively) sat him on her knee and taught him this way: If your Dad had a plow-share to fix and another one here, how many plow-shares would he have to fix. When she explained it that way, he just took off from there with math. School records show he made good grades.

One day when he was a little older, he failed to study his history lesson (he didn't like history). The teacher went down his row asking questions and when she came to him he didn't know the answer. She said, "Did you study your lesson?" He had to say no. She asked him why? George said, "I don't want to know what happened in the past, just what is happening now." She answered him this way: You may not care what happened in the past but I can tell you what you are going to do in the present - study your history lesson at recess.

George and the boys in school would like to play tricks on the teacher. The teacher rode a horse to school and left it in the neighbor's barn until school was out. The boys would slip out to the barn and tie the teacher's pant legs up in a knot. (He wore an extra pair of pants to keep warm on the way to school.) The teacher had a peg leg but he could run faster than any of the boys in school. When the teacher found what they had done, he just laughed.

One day the teacher was going to whip a boy and he ran off so the teacher sent George and another boy after him to bring him back and they did.

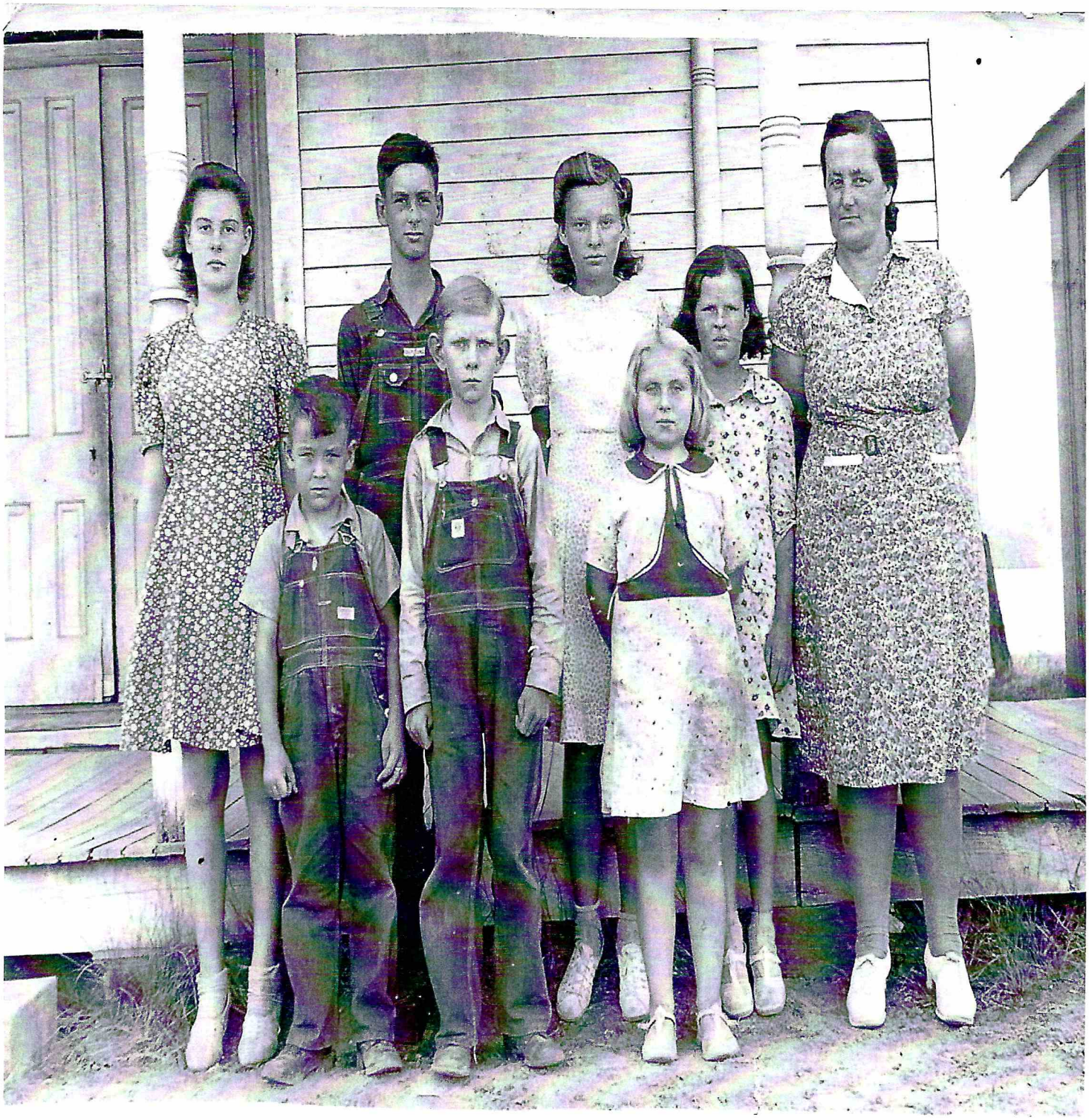
George took the eighth grade twice by choice. (His eighth grade graduation took place at the Union School with other students because he was the only one to graduate in his grade that year.) His Dad told him he wasn't going to loaf around home and he was too young to work then so he went back to school. High school was six miles away and too far to walk so he didn't attend high school.

His dad (Roy) and grandfather (George Quillman) and uncle (Elmer Quillman) were all welders and mechanics. George had been in the machine shop with his dad, grandfather and uncle ever since he could walk, so he wanted to go in business with them at the machine shop. They agreed and his first welder was the ACT welder. Except for the four years he spent in service welding on ships for his country in California, he was in the machine shop. In later years, he had a slogan on the front of his truck which read, "Let George Do It." He was really appreciated by his customers. He had to retire for health reasons. He mostly putters around in his shop now. He repairs his lawn mower and does small repair jobs for the family when health permits him to do so.

Note: George's grandfather's (George Quillman) wife was Mary E. (Holbert) Quillman. George's uncle's (Elmer Quillman) wife was Cora (Lively) Quillman. Story told by George Quillman, written and reported by Helen Modglin for the Union School Community.

By: George Quillman

Tangen School



Tangen School 1938
Front row: Loran Luthy, Wilbert Knop, and Violet (Quillman) Clienton
Back row: Verna Bigham, John L. Luthy, Nettie (Lybarger) Lodge, and Dolores (Lybarger) Quillman
Teacher, Mrs. Julie Lively

TEAGUE GROVE SCHOOL

District 17, Township 5-1
Location: north of Du Quoin on Route 51 near Holden.

Teague Grove School 1944-1952

Teague Grove School was located in the Holden community, approximately 2.5 miles north of DuQuoin, IL off Highway 51 west. The road is now called Hardscrabble Road. The school has since been made into a home.

I lived across the road just southwest of the school. It didn't take me long to walk home so I would go home for lunch.

I enjoyed recess, playing ball and other games with the school kids. We played ball, Tug of War, Handy Over, and our teacher got us some ropes which we boys would take to the woods north of the school, throw them over the branches and tie them to another tree and swing across from tree to tree, turn loose and drop off!

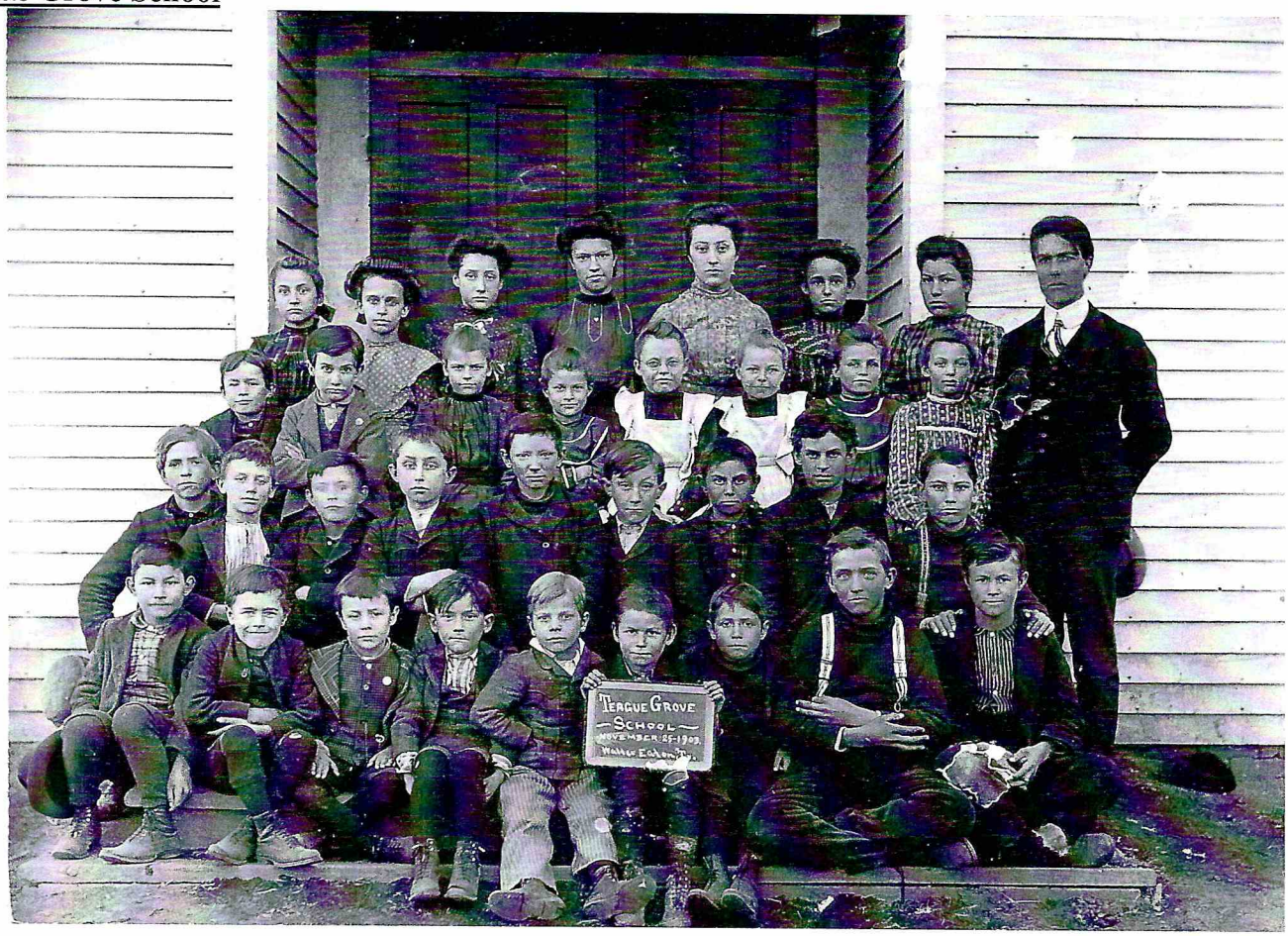
Mrs. Halstead was my favorite teacher. She was strict but was patient with us and understanding. One day I found a big black snake. When the bell rang for classes to resume, I caught the snake and put it in the girl's toilet, hoping one of the girls would find it but guess what? Mrs. Halstead did! She came back in the school and said "Whoever put that snake in the toilet, please do not do it again." She never found out who did it!

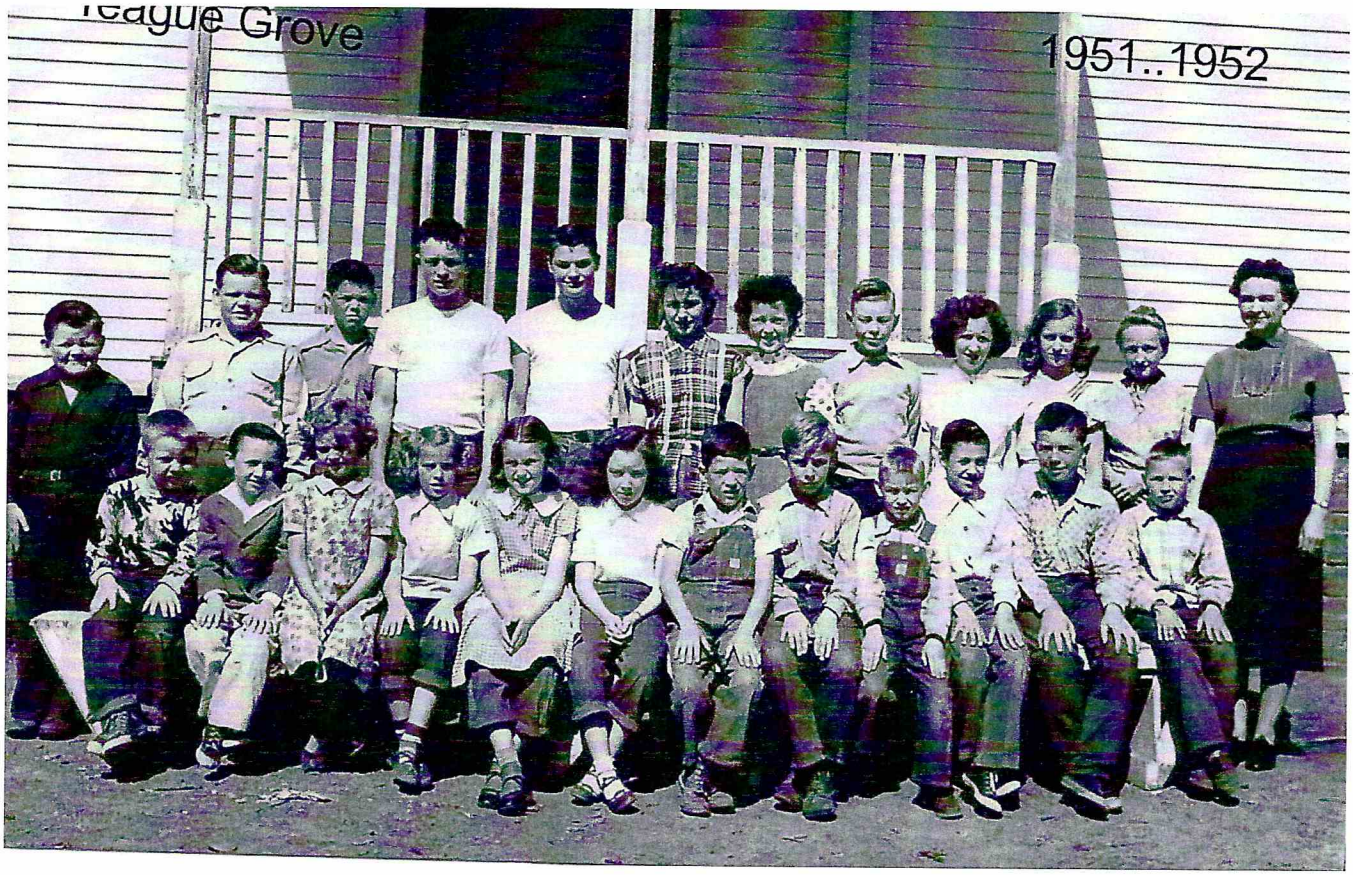
We had pie suppers, where the girls decorated a box and usually brought pies and then they were auctioned off. I always bought June Issacs box. If Clinton Woodside showed at the suppers, you knew you would pay dearly for your purchase because he loved to run the bid up.

My favorite time of school was when the teacher dismissed us and I could run home, get on my horse and take a ride.

Submitted by: Robert A. Brooks (better known as Bobby as a kid!)

Teague Grove School





Teague Grove School

1949-50 --- Teague Grove School

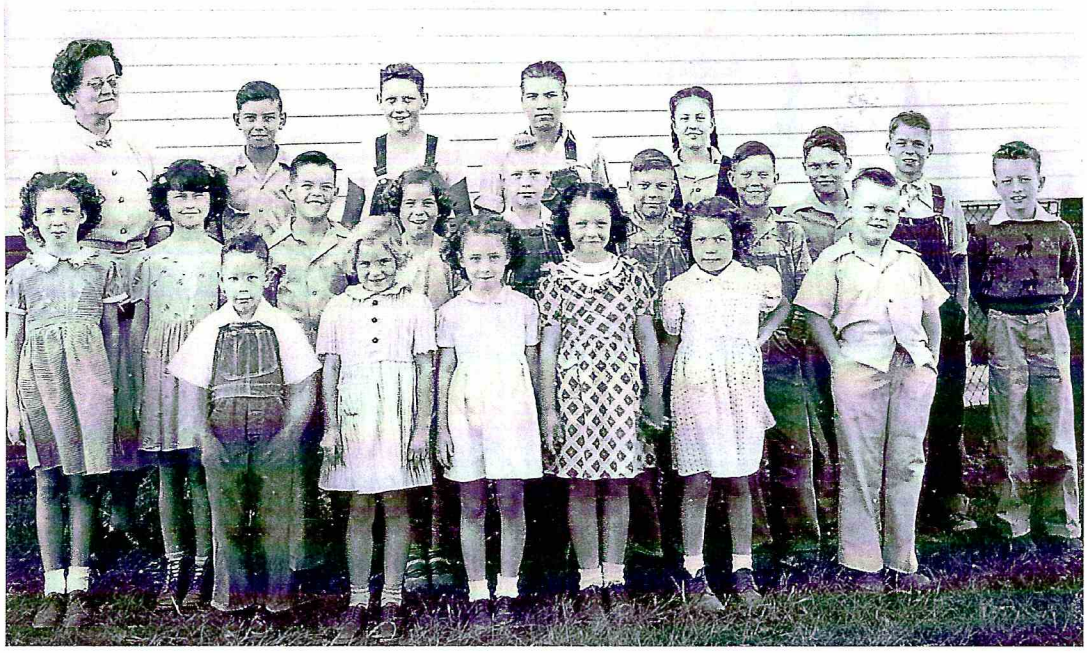
FRONT ROW: _____ Loucks, Nelson Lee, Darrell McClanahan, a Visitor, Jerry Cowley, Chuck Fleming, Chuck Gilliam and Johnny Harris.

SECOND ROW: Melton Lively, Carroll Bridges, **Bob Brooks**, Wayne Loucks, George Huite, Bob Bridges, Jack Loucks, and Dean Lively.

THIRD ROW: Kay Gilliam, JoAnn Issacs, Elsie Huite, Clara Harris, Virginia Harris, June Issacs, Patsy Huite, Mary Lee, Hazel Jean Farthing, Sharon Moore, and Donna McClanahan.

BACK ROW: Sharon Lively, Mrs. Mary Green, Donna Gail Lively and Nancy McClanahan.

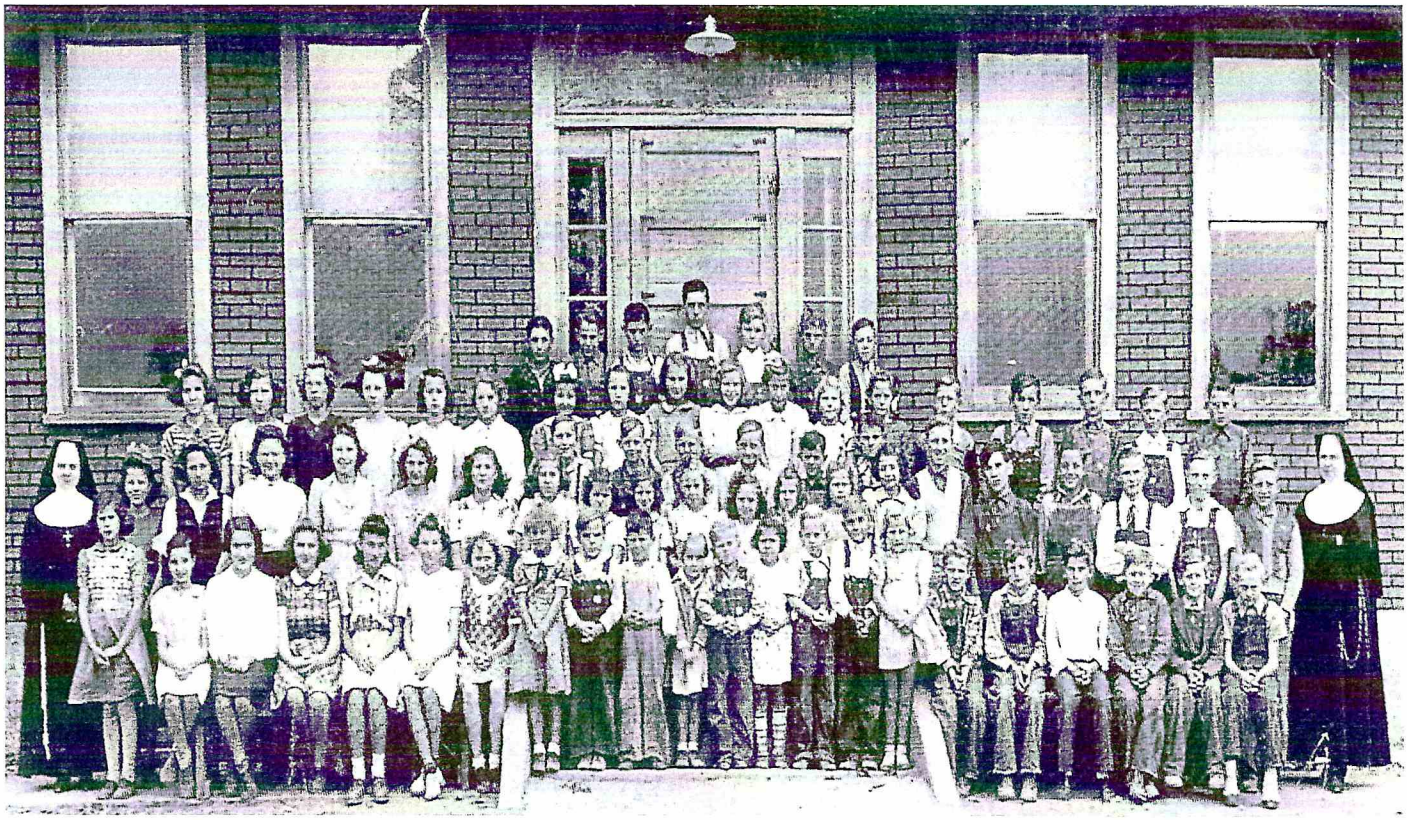
Teague Grove School

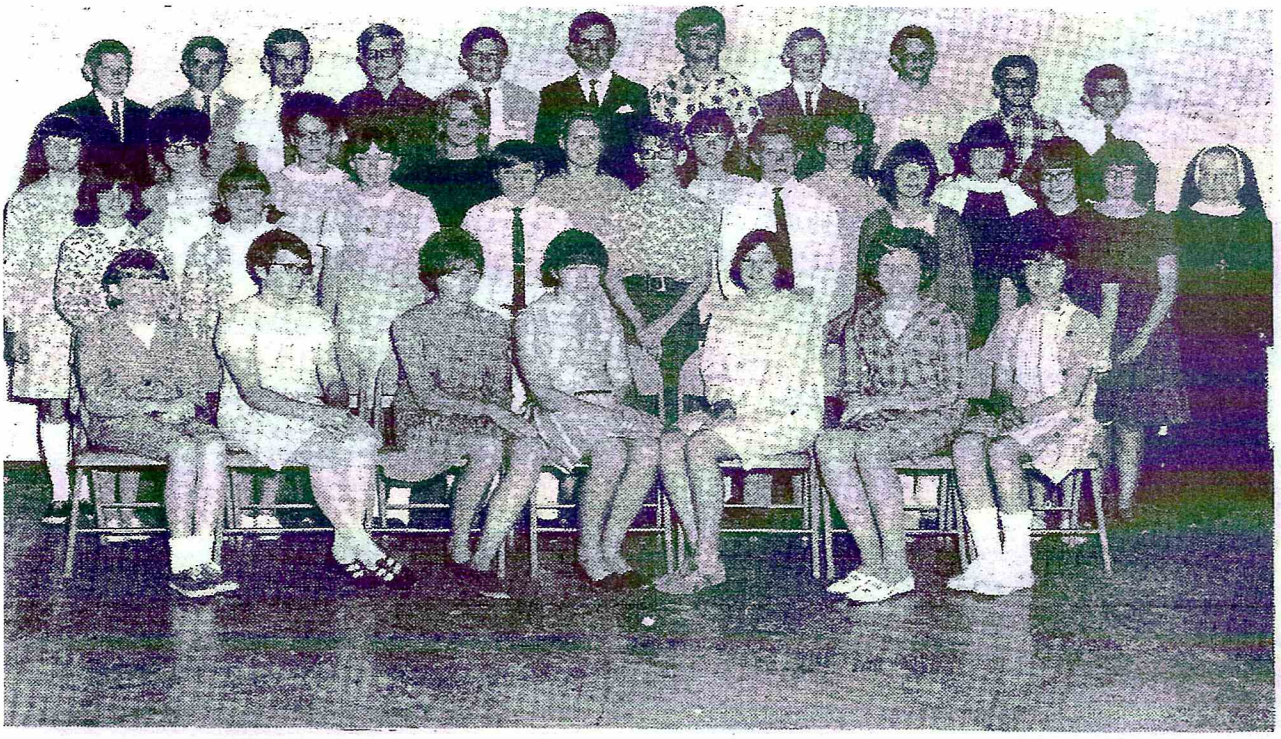


Front row: Charles Gilliam, Elsie Huite, JoAnn Isaacs, Millie Caraker, Hazel Farthing, and Milton Lively.
Second row: June Isaacs, Sharon Lively, Dean Lively, Pat Huite, Bob Bridges, John Gant, and Ray Gant.
Third row: Mrs. Green, Don Rice. Bill Brooks. Dale Farthing, Donna Gail Lively, Bob Brooks, George Huite, and Carol Ray Bridges

TODD'S MILL, ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL (PRIVATE)

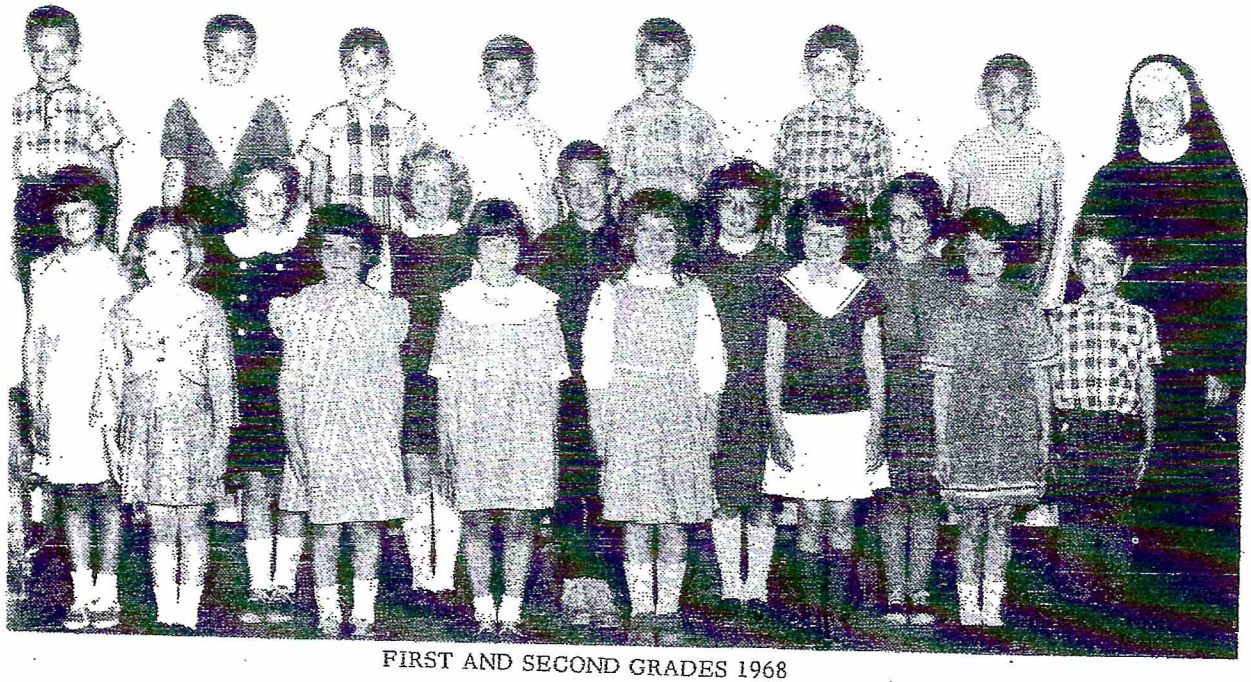
Parochial school, township 4-2
Location: Todd's Mill east of Suchomski Implement.





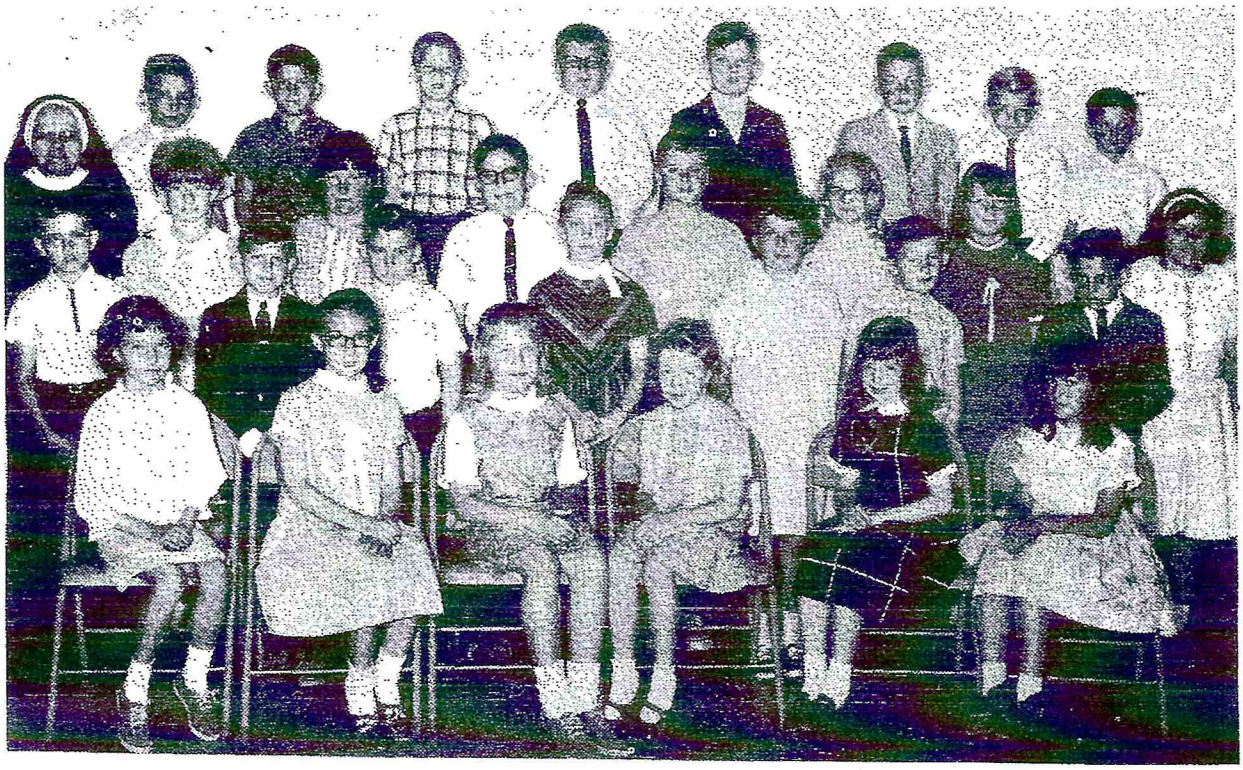
SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES 1968 (Sr. Armella, Teacher)

Todd's Mill



FIRST AND SECOND GRADES 1968

FIRST AND SECOND GRADES 1968 (Sr. Loretta, Teacher)



THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH GRADES 1968 (Sr. Euphemia, Teacher)

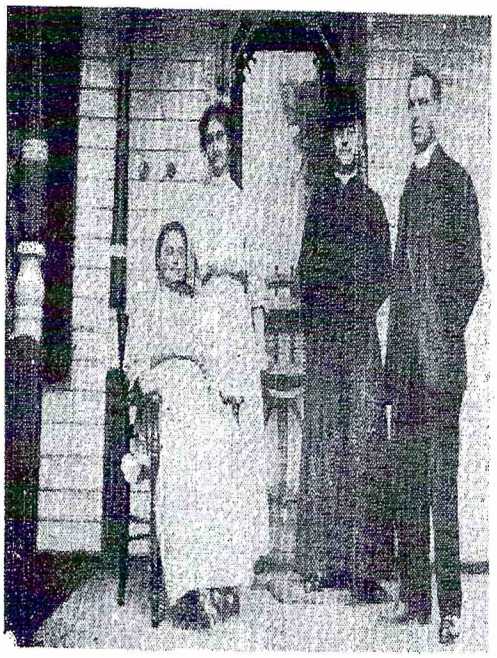
1933 Sr. Benvenutre, Sr. Euphemia, Sr. Bilbina
1934 Sr. Miriam
1935 Sr. Bonaventure, Sr. Agnes, Sr. Johanna
1938 Sr. Petronilla, Sr. Bernadine
1940 Sr. Suzanne
1944 Sr. Pancratia
1945 Sr. Aquiline, Sr. Hidephonse
1947 Sr. Josephine
1951 Sr. Tharsilla
1952 Sr. Rosalie
1955 Sr. Othelia, Sr. Andrea
1956 Sr. Victorine
1957 Sr. Basilla
1960 Sr. Armella, Sr. Euphemia
1963 Sr. Leona
1964 Sr. Nanette
1965 Sr. Edwin, Sr. Sharon
1966 Sr. Loretta
1967 Sr. Armella, Sr. Euphemia, Sr. Loretta
(Our Present teachers)

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS FROM THE PARISH

Much to our regret, we must record that in the 100 years of its existence, there has not been a vocation to the priesthood from St. Mary Magdalen parish. We can only hope and pray that in the not too distant future, God will see fit to bless our parish by calling one of our young men to serve him in this vocation.

We are happy to report that four young women of the parish have answered God's call to service in the religious life. Two of them are Franciscan Sisters of the same Order which staffs our parish school. Another member of the Congregation of the Divine Spirit, and the fourth belongs to the Sisters of Mary.

Sister M. Audrey, OSF, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Suchomski. Sister is at present teaching at Our Lady of the Pillar School in St. Louis.



We can scarcely add anything to this touching tribute to a great and good man. We can only hope that the parishioners at Todd's Mill will be fortunate enough to have many more men of his caliber to serve their needs, and the causes of God's Kingdom in their parish.

Father Stern was appointed pastor of St. John's, Red Bud, in 1916. He remained there until his death on May 21, 1937, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery at Red Bud.

THE SISTERS AND THE SCHOOL

As has been noted earlier, the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from St. Louis came to Todd's Mill in 1917 to take up the education of the children in the parish school. This was one of the earliest missions of the Franciscan Sisters in this country.

The Order's records of the first years of the school are rather sketchy, but they do show that Mother Wenceslaus and Sister Frances were the first assigned to the school. The records are incomplete until 1928, but some of the Sisters who taught here prior to that were Sr. Hyacinth, Sr. Conradine and Sr. Nothburga.

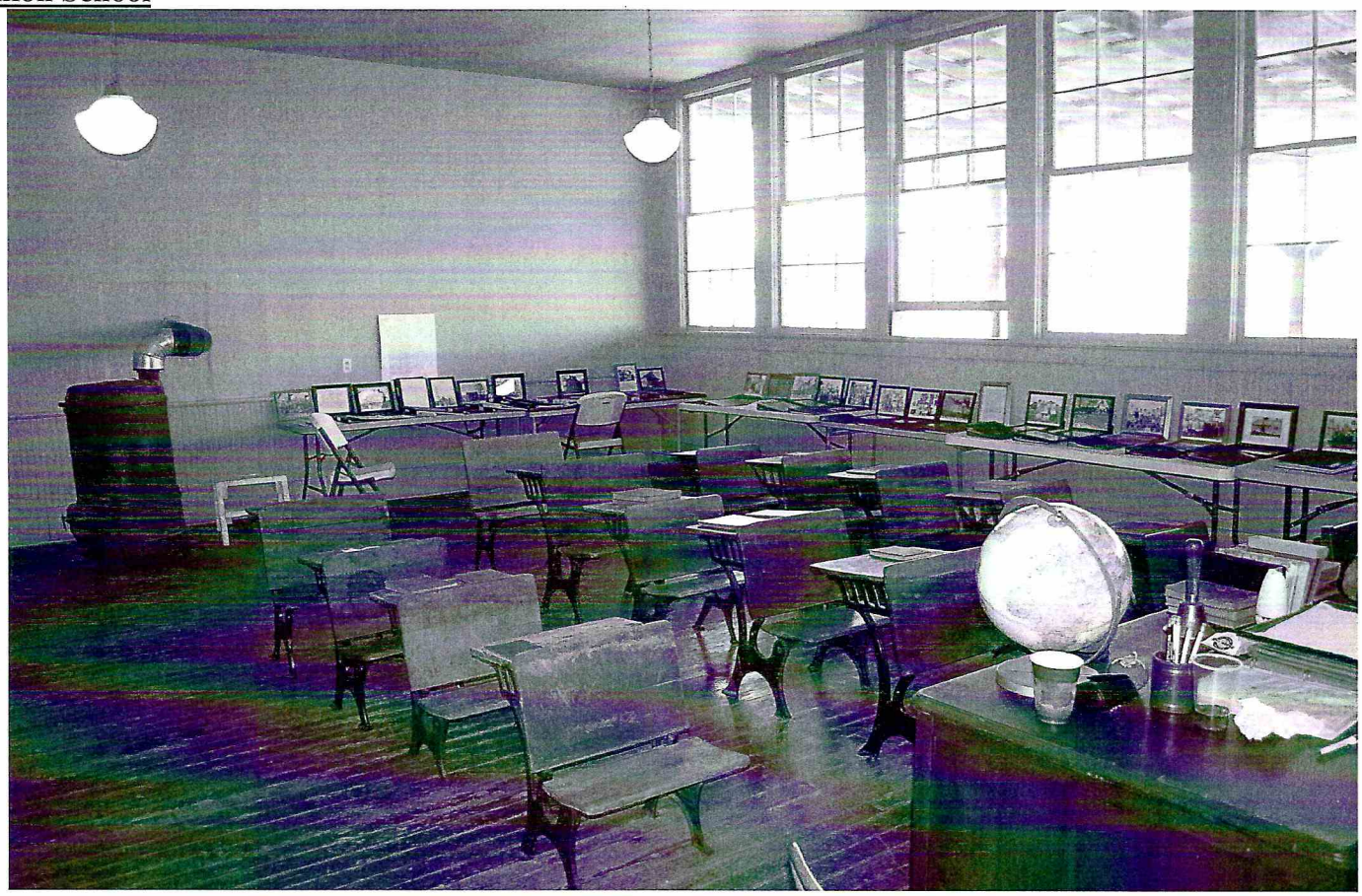
Following is a list of the Sisters who have served from 1928 to the present:

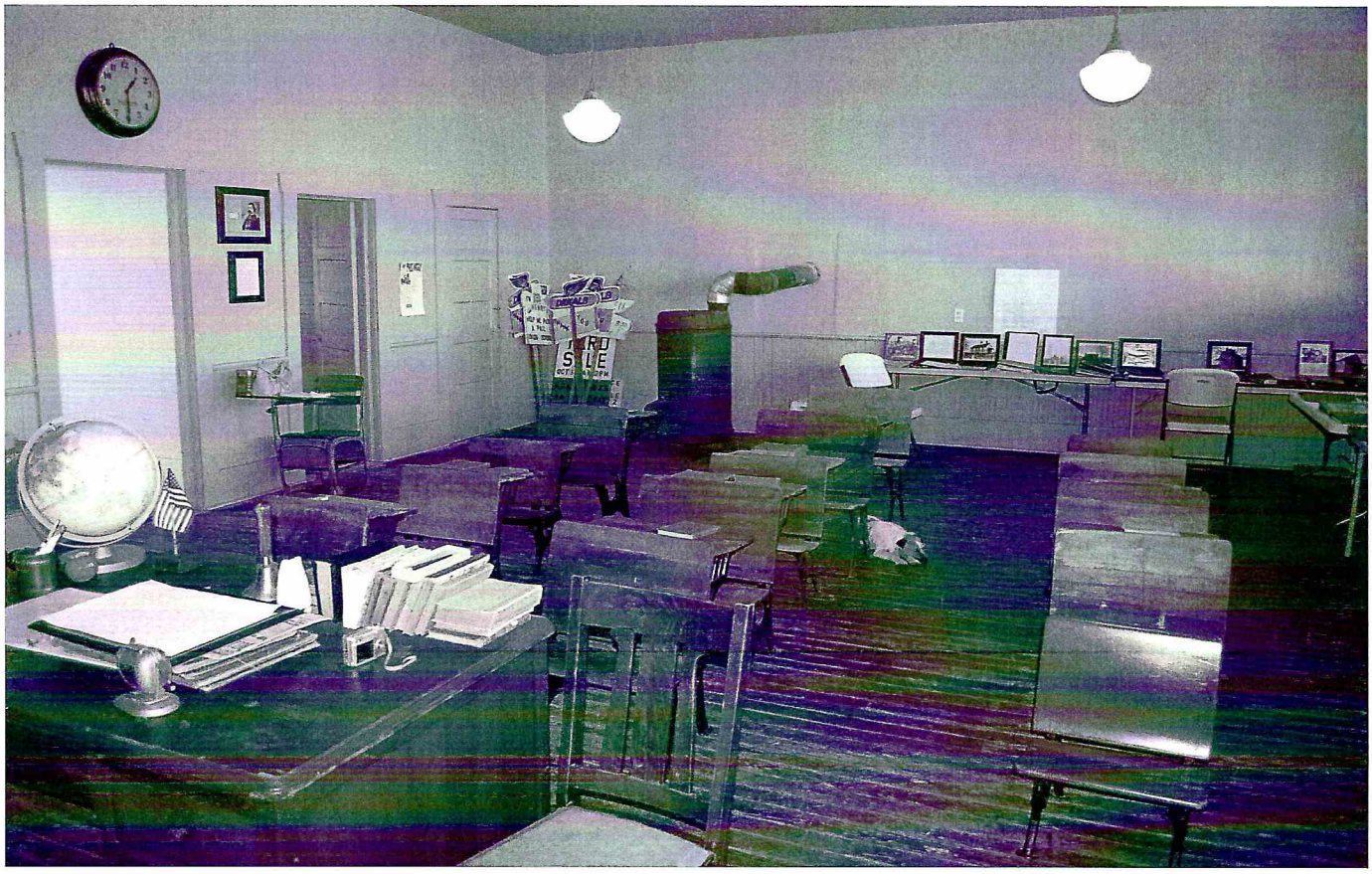
1928 Sr. Martina, Sr. Tharsilla, Sr. Zita
1929 Sr. Thecla
1930 Sr. Hedwig
1931 Sr. Catherine
1932 Sr. Humiliana

UNION SCHOOL

District 72, Township 6-4
Location: south of Pyatt Road on Union School Road.
Open: 1835 Closed: 1959

Union School





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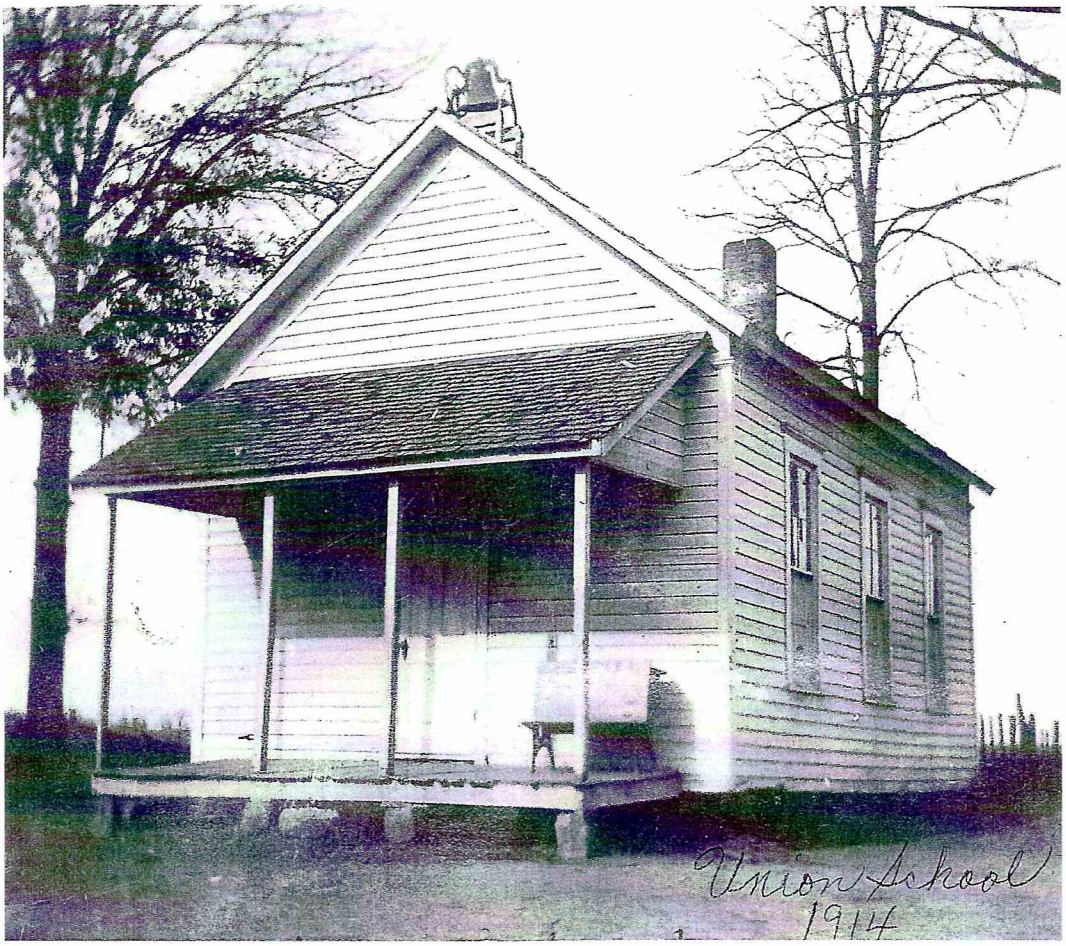


Union School memories are told

Work to restore the old Union School near Trico has slowed because of the cold weather. There are still plans to complete the project by the end of the winter, however.

Helen Modglin has put together more history about the school.

She said Sugar Hill district consolidated with Union and a couple of families from Jenkins district were included. Enrollment then became a little higher.

Walter Cottom took children to school by car.

In school year 1958-59 Union was consolidated into Trico thus making it the last year of Union School. People in the community bought $50 shares and Homer Edgar bid on the site for the community.

After the school closed, Delores Bauersachs remembers weddings, showers and anniversaries held in the building. The last anniversary held was that of Ed and Wilma Schorn-their 50th.

Several quiltings were also held in the building.

Ron Reiman remembers when a Mr. Larson was a teacher and there would be lots of singing. Grace Davis played a piano and would sing until 10 or 10:30 some days.

Mrs. Modglin remembers when Cleta Mohr was a teacher and there was an ice storm one winter. On the way to school she had an automobile accident and the children didn't know what happened to her.

Barbara Anderson's mother had a skeleton key and she opened the door for the students to get inside. They started school without Ms. Mohr and it was a while before the kids were told what happened.

Ms. Mohr had broken her wrist but was able to teach a couple days later.

The school's drinking water had to be pumped from a cistern and brought in by a bucket and poured into a cooler. If anyone got sick they had to lie on a cot in the back of the room behind the stove until school dismissed. They could then go home.

This Union School picture is from 1941 and was furnished by Barbara Anderson. In back from left are Betty Jean Valerius, June Combs, Ken Combs, Mary Ellen Speith and Norma Jean Speith. In front are Katherine Casteel (teacher), Bob Eugene Schorn, George Combs, Robert Oetking, Dorothy Speith, Delores Cottom and Shirley Valerius.

The teacher was injured in an automobile accident and was late for school

This is the only one-room school left in the Trico area. It is on the original site and not converted into living quarters. It is a piece of history, Mrs. Modglin says.

The evergreen trees on the site were planted in the 1940s. A lot of the older generation has died and it is getting harder to keep the restoration project going. It also takes about $300 to pay insurance and taxes and there is no electricity or water on the site.

A tradition was started years ago when a few men gathered at the school for a bucket lunch under the old oak trees. After the first year it was decided to include all the families, teachers and pupils that had attended Union School. To this day, a basket dinner is held the second Sunday of September. Everyone is welcome.

Lou Eggemeyer says she enjoyed the annual basket dinners. She would go with her grandmother every year. The school's long history is the cornerstone of the neighborhood and has been for many years, Mrs. Modglin says. There is hope to get the school on the National Register of Historic Places.

Those making donations to the project include Danny and Mary Valerius, the wife and children of Oscar Reiman, Dale Thies in memory of Raymond and Mable Thies, Larry and Linda Bauersachs and Mable and Carter Clendenin in memory of Alice Bauersachs, Lou Ann and Melvin Eggemeyer in memory of Hazel Luthy.

Edwin Schrader gave text books, Fred Hammel gave maps, Barb Anderson gave a scrapbook her mother (Katherine Casteel) had when she was a teacher. It will be placed in the school for display.

UPPER ARM SCHOOL

District 30, Township 5-2
Locations: two miles north on Valier Carpet Road

UPPER ARM SCHOOL DISTRICT 30 TWP 5 2
1917 1918

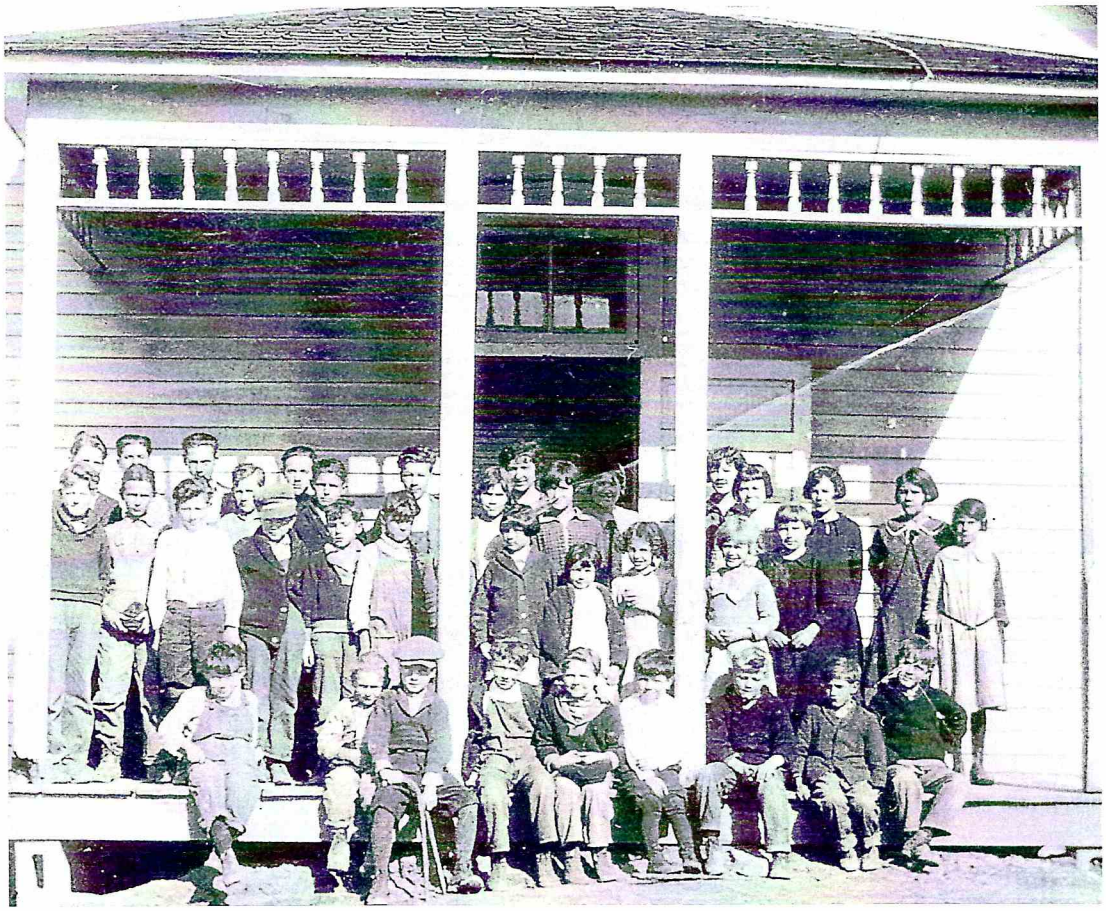
Row 1	ROW 2
Ariah Opp	Zellah Wynn
Wendell Rogers	Carrie Rogers
Bessie Mae Wilks	Harold Ing
Oren Ing	Rosebud Miller
James Opp	Frank Ferguson
George Ferguson	Clara Opp
Russell Opp	Ethel Curry
	Florence Winflock teacher

UPPER ARM SCHOOL DISTRICT #30 TWP 5 - 2
1933 - 1934

Front Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	Row 4	Back Row 5
			teacher - Bessie Wilks	James Weisel
James Wilks	Albert Malinski	Mary Lou Wilks	Jennie Mae Wilks	Paul Crowe
Kenneth Stockton	William Wilks	Helen Stockton	Orval Zoeckler	Wayman Lee
Tony Dublo	June Finney	Mildred Lee	Beulah Lee	Sylvester Malinski
Albert Crowe	Brooks Ehler	Gracie Crowe	Evelyn Pyle	
Harry Lee	Wayne Pyle	Viola Miller	Alma Weisel	
Jackie Eaton	Charles Marlow	Nina Wilks	Hope Ehler	
Paulie Dublo	Carl Dublo	Frances Malinski	Lelia Weisel	
		Helen Weisel	Bertha Fay Miller	
		Bonnie Neville	Maxine Moore	
		Verna Marlow	Irene Andrews	

UPPER HOLTS SCHOOL

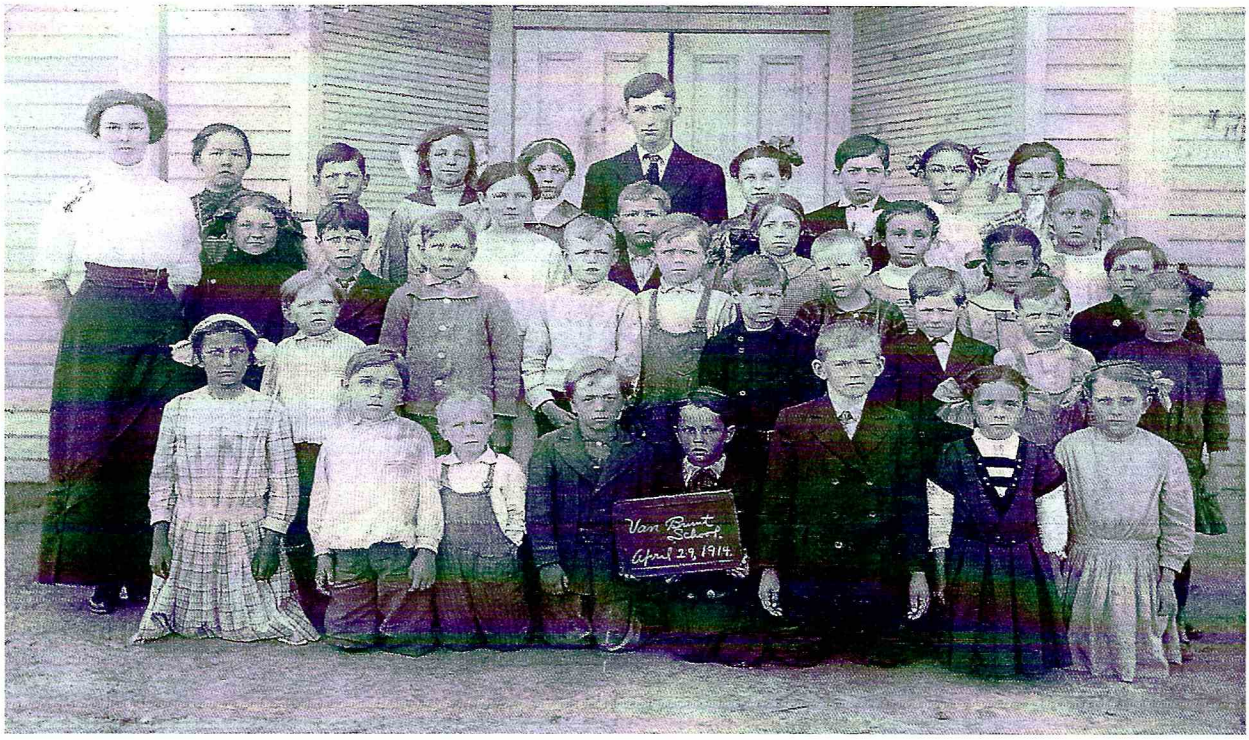
District 32, Township 5-2
Location: Goldeneye road, the site has been mined.



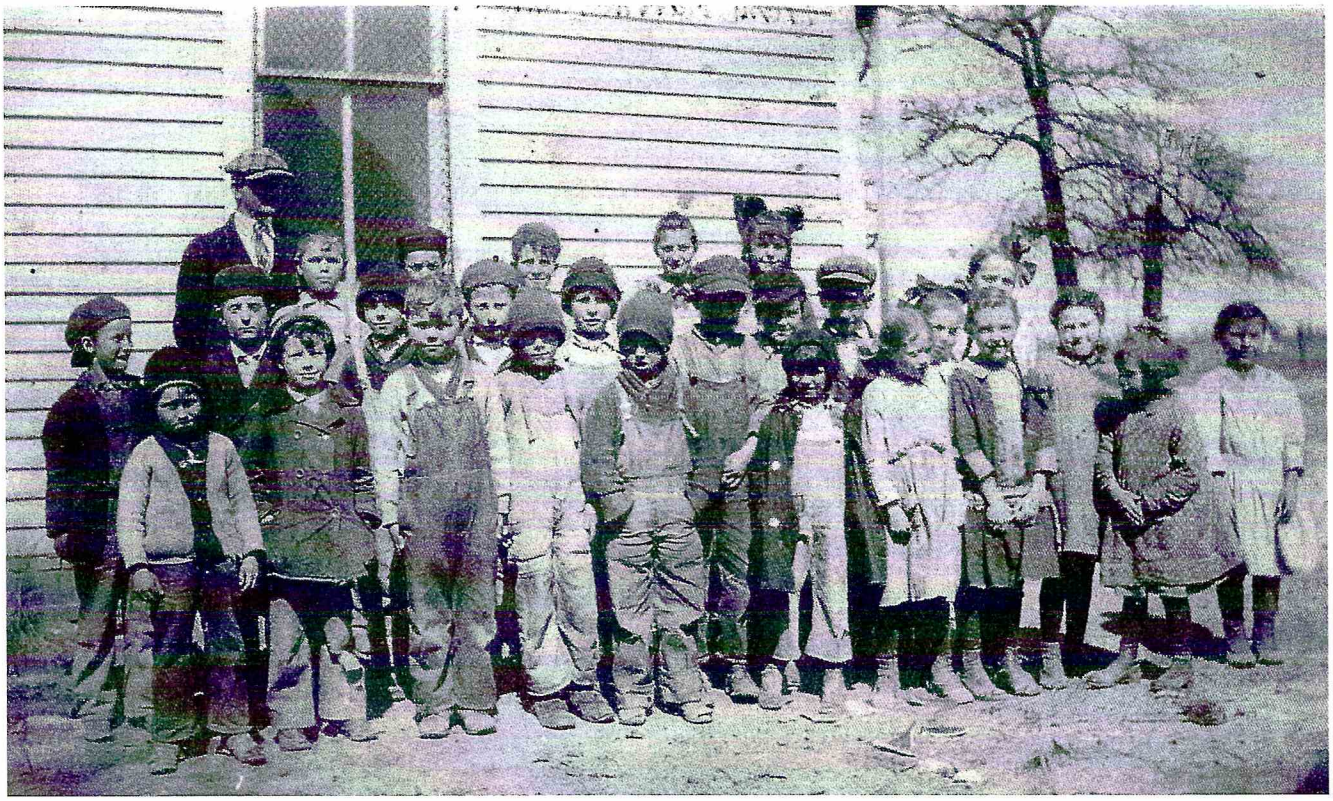
Upper Holts School May 7, 1946

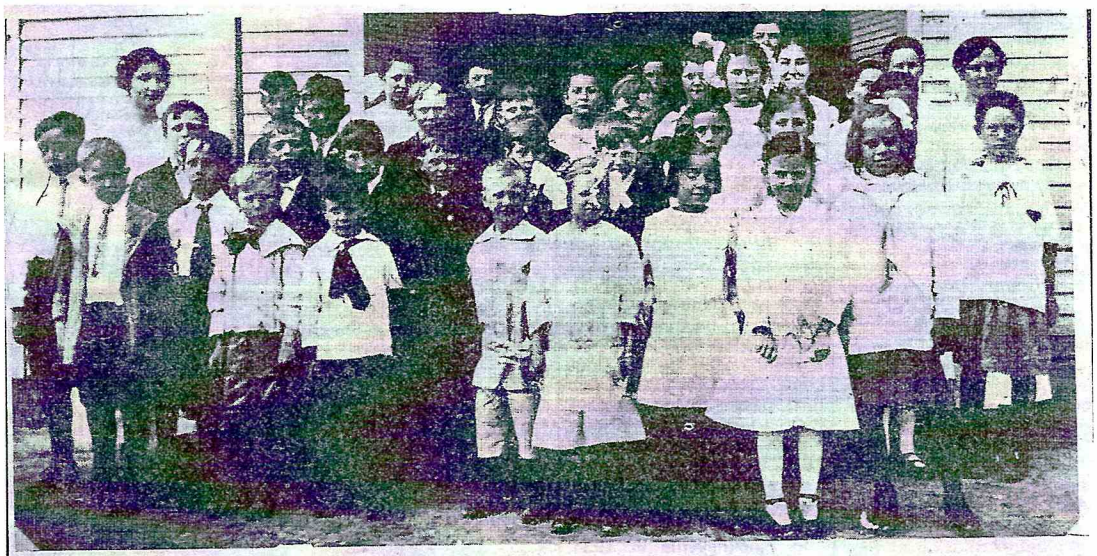
VAN BRUNT SCHOOL

District 48, Township 5-3
Location: west of Pinckneyville



Van Brunt School





"TheEditor
Pinckneyville Democrat
Dear Sir: I am enclosing a copy of a 1916 picture of Van Brunt school, located a few miles west of Pinckneyville. I'm sure you will recognize many of the names, if not the people. If you have a nostalgia corner, or if you simply print news, pictures, events from yesteryear, you may want to print this. My mother, Helen Lunnemann Lawrence, contributed the original, and Charlie Cox, SIU-E's news photographer made this copy.
Sincerely,
Barbara Lawrence
Department of English, SIU - Edwardsville, Illinois"

VAN BRUNT SCHOOL - 1916

Front row, left to right: Joseph Poitr, Edward Brandt, Albert Loos, Lydia Brown, Helen Lunnemann, Theresa Martin, Lillian Kuehnert. Second row: Elmer Becker, Elvis Freeman, Frank Loos, Herman Hoffman, Shelby Cronan? (uncertain), Omar Brandt, Oscar Brown, Ann Lunnemann, Hilda Becker, Matilda Lunnemann, Fern Stevenson. Third row: Harold Becker, Fritz Loos, Eddie Lambert, Lewis Brown, Harry Kuehnert, John Kuehnert, Mary Hoffman, Marcella Lunnemann, Hilda Loos. Ruth Templeton, teacher, Ted Brandt, Eddie Lambert, Blanch Reith, Ernie Rinehart, Lena Rinehart, Harley Brown, Clara Loos, Olive Zimmerman, Eva Brandt. Far Back: Stanley Reith.

Van Brunt School

WALKENHORST SCHOOL

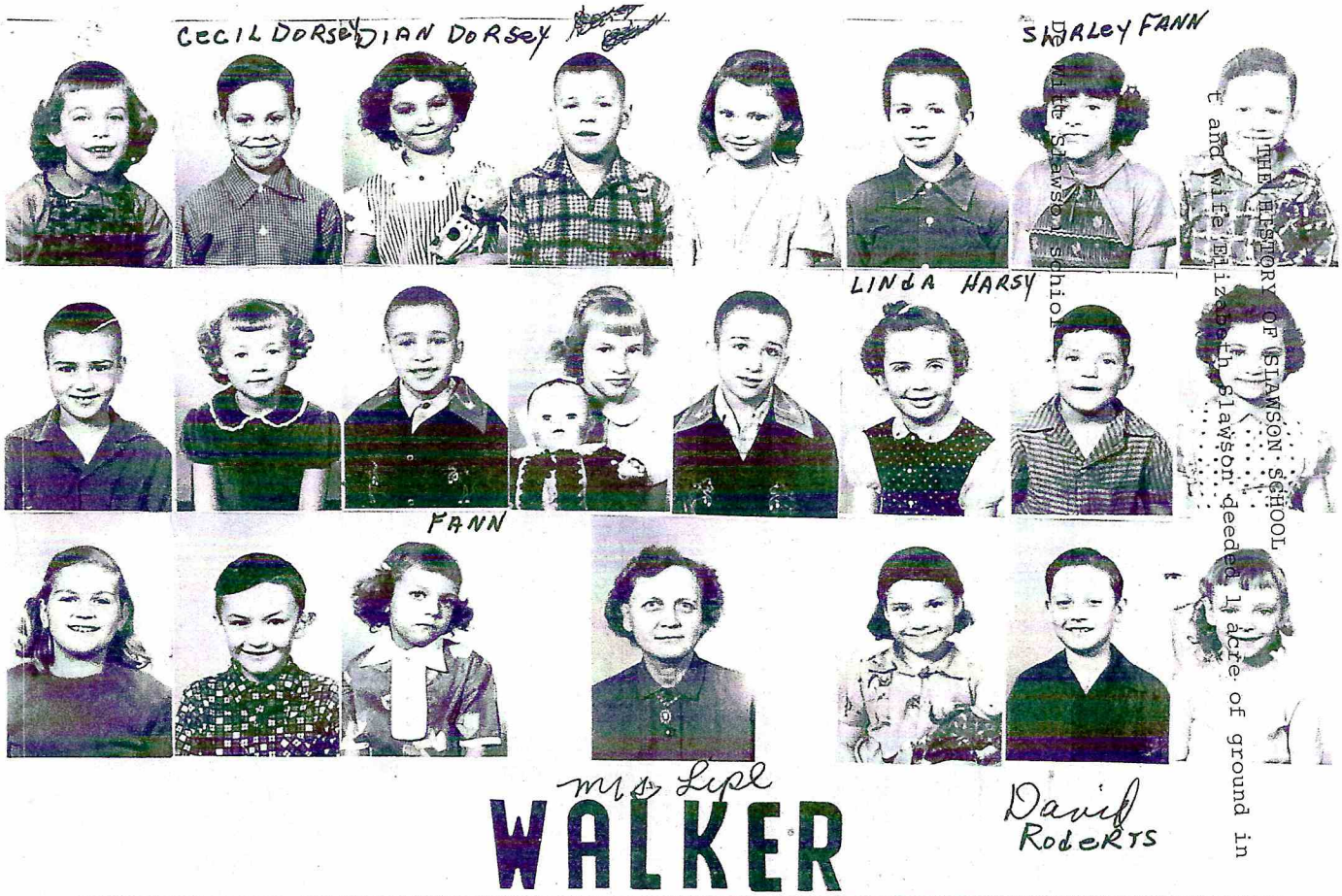
District 55, Township 6-3
Location: west of Matthews
(No information)

1950

WALKER SCHOOL

District 39, Township 6-2
Location: two miles south on the Kathleen Mine Road.

Walker School (1915±), T6-R-2, Perry Co, ILL
1st row: ___ Hirsch, Maurice W. LIPE, ___, ___, ___, ___.
2nd row:
3rd row:
4th row: ___, ___, Geneva LIPE, Ina LIPE,

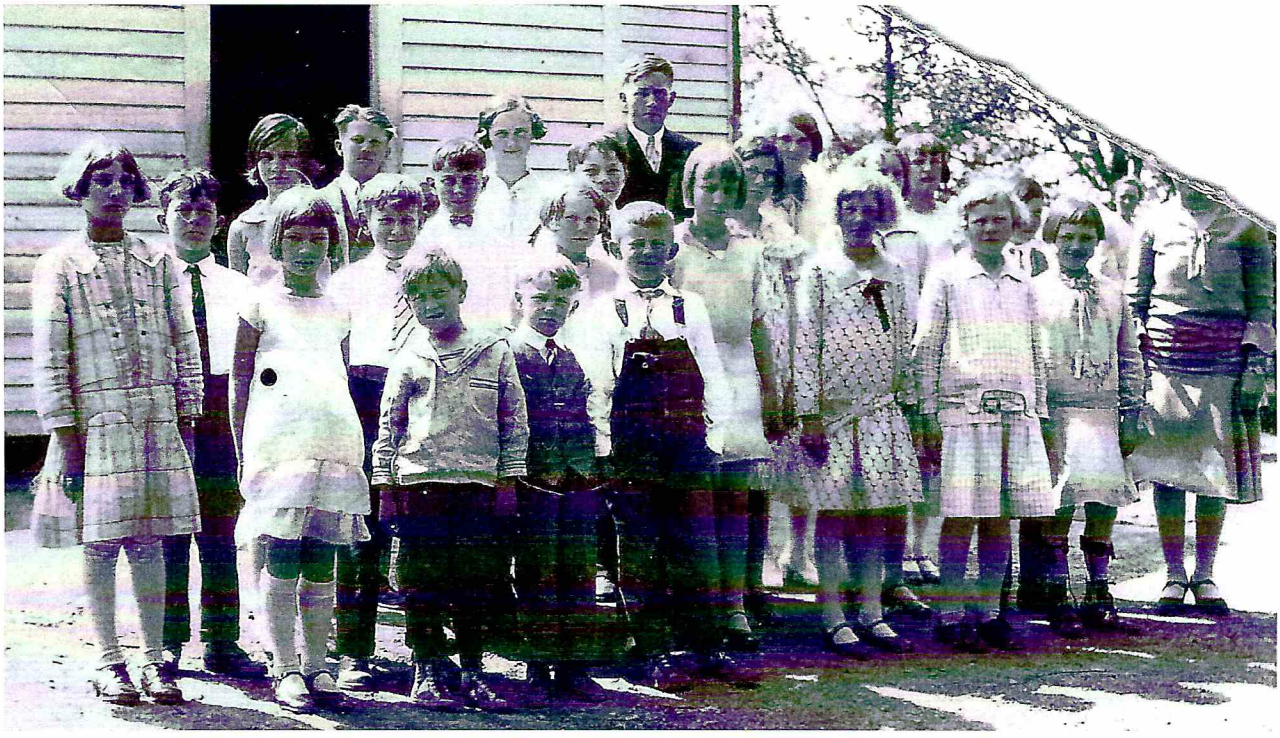


Walker School 1947 Vivian Lipe Teacher

Left row: Ronald Eisenhauer, Emma Jean Hirsch, Jack Nelson Alvis, Effie Jane Alvis, and Robert Dale Kaul.
Right row: Thelma Juanita Moore, James Patton Alvis, Lola Mae Hirsch, and Allen Gerald Keene.

WEBB SCHOOL

No district number, Township 6-4
Location: east of Willisville.



WEST LYNN SCHOOL

District 8, Township 4-1
Location: Two and a half miles east on the East Tamaroa Road.
(No Information)

WEST SIDE SCHOOL

District 61, Township 4-4
South of Swanwick

West Side/Blackjack Elementary School by Jean Craig, Charles, Laura, Brian and Jill Baue

West Side Elementary School, or Blackjack as it was known by area people, was located on the west side of what is now Snapdragon Road in northwest Perry County. Just south of the school was the farm of Jean Craig's parents, Kent and Mary Craig. East of the road was the farm of John and Mary Kirkpatrick, maternal grandparents of Charles and Brian Baue.

Jean tells the story of when her father, Kent, was the president of the Blackjack school board, they were having trouble hiring a teacher. He told the board they should forget about the rule of employing a single woman and hire his wife who was a teacher. The board agree.

When students at Blackjack played softball they used a Blackjack Oak tree for first base.

When Blackjack ceased to exist the students went to Swanwick.

WHITE WALNUT SCHOOL

District 32, Township 5-2
Location: a mile east on Canary Road.

First row: Raymond Hagene, Euclid Brostmeyer , Marjorie Krug, Eugene O' Neal, Marie Heisner, and Betty Heisner
Middle row: Orville Feltmeyer, Leonard Heisner, Norman Brostmeyer, Buddy Miller, and Beulah Laufer.
Back row: Wilbur Englehardt, Mildred Heisner, Loren Matson, and Frances Marlow.
Teacher: Dorothy Shook Shaw

White Walnut School Report

Report of the White Walnut Walnut school for the month ending February 7, 1914. Number enrolled during the month 35. Average daily attendance 28.

The following pupils were neither tardy nor absent; Lydia Clara, Emma and Fred Schmalried, Elizabeth, Minnie and Tillie Feltmeyer, Ida Hopp, Alice Bantli' Katie, Maggie, Clara and Tommy Matychowiak, Elizabeth Albers and Valentine Marlow. Clara Lehman attended every day but was tardy.

Anna McCune, Teacher

WINKLE SCHOOL

District 43, Township 4-4
Location: Winkle.

Winkle School

1934-35 Winkle School

Top Row ? to ?
Geb Reynolds, George Palmer
Charles Flare, Thomas Tanner
Frank Queen, Leo Matson
Bart Ogilvie, Gene Pushell
Junior Lueker

2nd from TOP
Leroy Kimmel, Dean Wright
Leno Pdovica, Charles Palmer
Helen Stokes, Emma Nache
Elnora Hufline

3rd from TOP
Fay Flare, Agnes Natale
Violet Pilbean, Mary Boswell
Margret Bodner, Emma Nevil
Ethel Wright

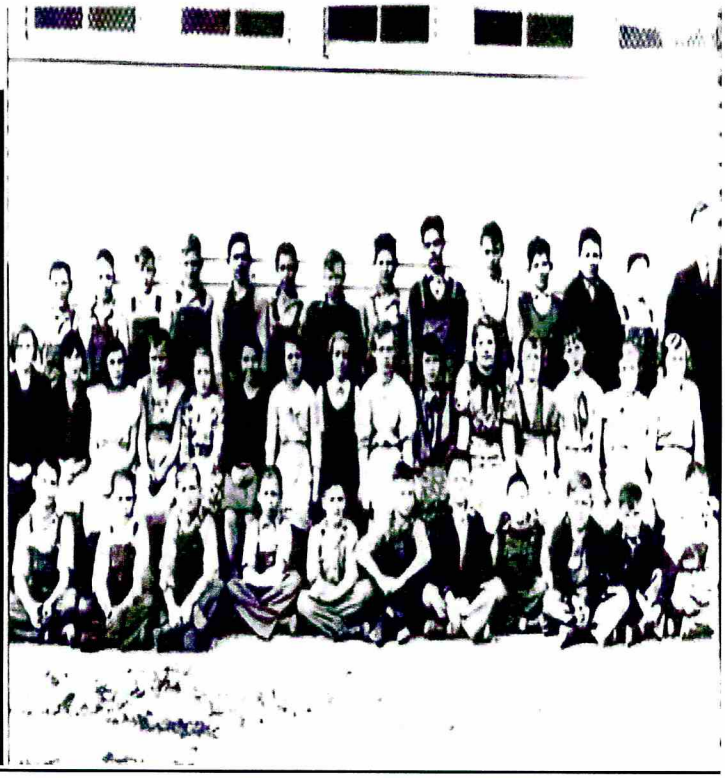
4th row from TOP
Verneda Hooper, Jessie Hufline
Marie Bodnar, Ruby Price
Genevie Nache, Lavon Queen
Geneva Nache, Geneva Chapple
Nellie Coats, Annie Bodnar

First Row
Brady Jackson, Bob Sharp, Bob Barber
Max Etherton, Harry Henry (Hypo)

Winkle Big Room
1934-35
Bot Row L to R
Charles Ogilvie, Robert Barber, Frank Queen
Junior Lueker, John Nevill, Brady Jackson
Leo Matson, Harry Henry (Hypo), Gene Pushell
Max Ethington, Bart Ogilvie

2nd Row Middle
Ethel Wright, Mary Boswell, Violet Pilbean
Izola Hamilton, Geneva Chappell, Fay Flare
Annie Bodner, Emma Nevill, Elanova Hufline
Inna Nacke, Helen Stokes, Bennie Tanner
Elizabeth Nanika

Back Row
Walter Dublo, Ben Chappell, Tom Tanner
Marvin Queen, Norman Law, Lake Price
Leroy Kimmel, Leno Sega Fredo, Robert Ethington
Charles Coats, Charles Palmer, Rico Sega Fredo
Dennis Crain, Teacher Mr Reynolds



WILLIAMS SCHOOL

District 10, Township 5-2
Location: a mile and a half east on Kimzey Road.
(no other information available)

Frederick Williams came from Kentucky in 1827 at age 19, acquired 1½ sections on land. He donated land and lumber for the Williams School district and the Williams Cemetery.

WINTHROP SCHOOL

District 9, Township 5-1
Location: four miles east on the Kimzey Road.

WHEN GRANDMA WENT TO SCHOOL

My Grandma often tells me tales of days long, long ago and how they used to knit and spin, and every girl could sew.

But how I love to cuddle close, on her old worn footstool, and listen to her tell again, of when she went to school!

The schoolhouse then was made of logs, and all the benches too; without a back to lean against, I wonder what I'd do?

But they just had to sit up straight, and mind the teacher's rule, or else they wore a big dunce cap, when Grandma went to school.

They all used slated and pencils, too, or else a goose-guill pen, for buying tablets every week, was never heard of then.

And when I talk of lunches, hot, she says with ridicule: "We used to have to eat 'em cold, when I was sent to school."

She talks about the old "Three R's" and how she learned them well, and she was sure when she was young, children were taught to spell.

They had to mind and study, too, and had no time to fool, with what she call "new fangled things," when Grandma went to school.

Author: Unknown

Winthrop Grade School 1946-1954

Winthrop Grade school was located approximately 3.5 miles east of highway 51 off Kimzey blacktop.

We had to walk approximately ½ mile to school. When it was winter and the roads were snowy and icy, our dad would tie burlap sacks on our feet and help us walk to school. It didn't matter if it was warm, cold, rainy or snowy we still had the walk. Back in those days one could walk that distant and not encounter a car but our parents still taught us the correct way to walk on the road.

One of my favorite teachers was Mary Lou (Murry) Dauksch. I was in the second or third grade when she taught at Winthrop. She made learning so much fun. Mary Lou did projects along with learning, helping us to make items. She helped me make doll clothes, we made serving trays, did art work, and she had us bring apples, oranges, and bananas and she set up a 'little store' in one corner of the school house. It was a means of teaching us to make change etc. I remember one time she had all of us to bring different vegetables and had us to put them in a big pot on the old furnace and we made vegetable soup for our lunch.

We had pie suppers where the girls would decorate a box and then bring a pie to the event. Some girls would bring fried chicken, sandwiches, chips etc. in their box instead of a pie. The guys would bid on the girl's box that they wanted to eat with. There were times the girl was disappointed because the wrong boy would buy her box. Sometimes one would see tears!

We had a coat room in the front of the school as you came in and that is where we hung our coats. We also had a large crock fountain in the coat room that we filled with water and we each had a drinking cup to get a drink of water when we were thirsty.

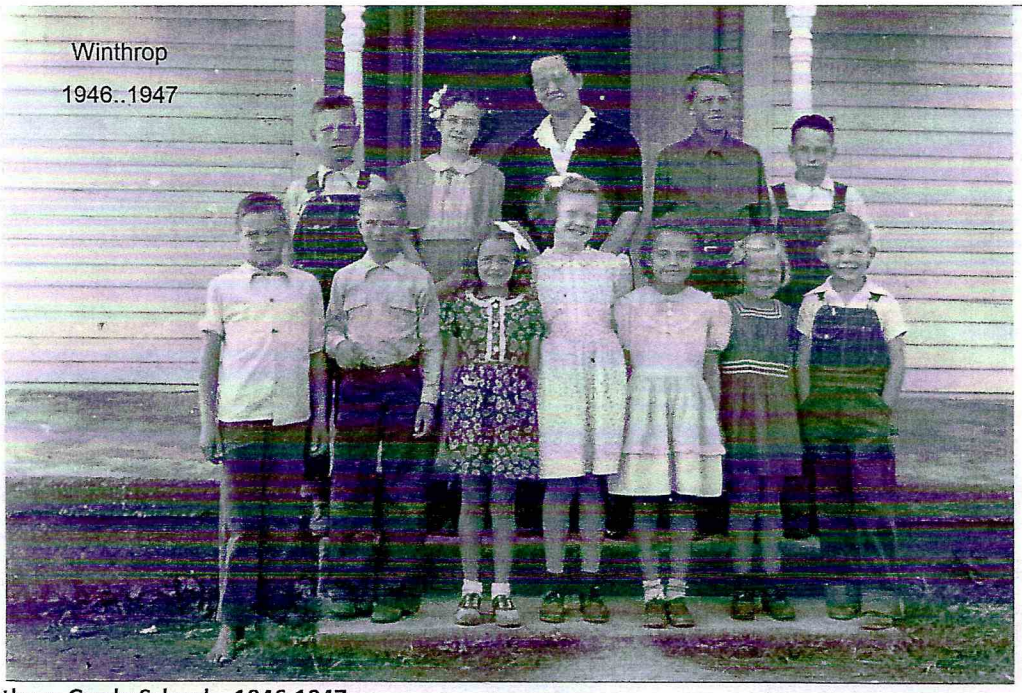
Of course, we had the good ol' outdoor toilets. The girl's toilet was on the east side of the yard and the boys was on the west side. It was creepy as you entered because you wondered what you would see; a mouse, the dreaded spiders or my worst fear was a snake! Fortunately, I never saw a snake.

During the summer months, the school yard would grow tall with grass and weeds. My dad usually mowed the yard with his tractor and mower the week before school started. The big grasshoppers were everywhere and they would hit the windows while we were in class. At recess, they sometimes jumped and landed on your clothes. When we had recess, we would play games outside. We played ball, Red Rover, jump rope, Handy Over (where you had teams on each side of the building and threw the ball over the school house), Hop Scotch and many other games.

The school year of 1954-55 (the year after I graduated) may have been the last year Winthrop had school at the one room building because the country schools had consolidated and the new Consolidated 208 school was built at the end of Hitt Road. The Winthrop school was sold at auction and my father, Earl Thompson, bought the school and property and later tore the school down.

I have many fond memories of attending classes in the one room school. Life was so much simpler. One could walk the country roads and not have a fear of being 'picked' up. The neighbors were all friendly and helpful to each other. We were "family". It was a great life!

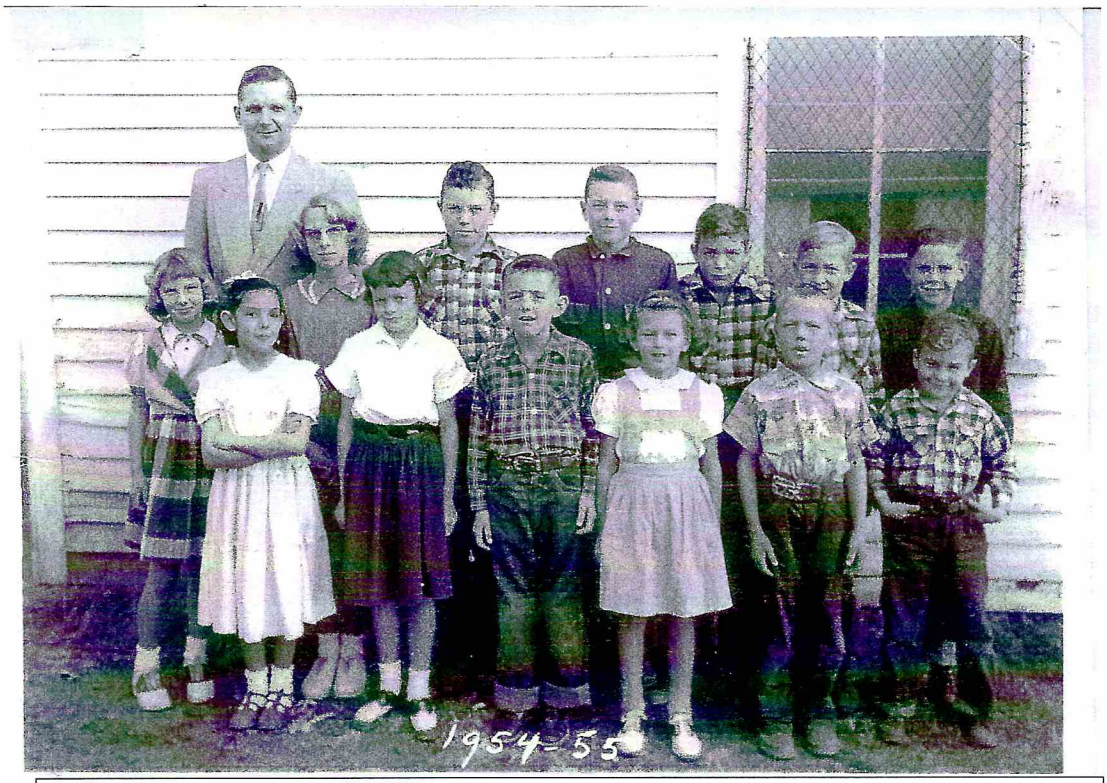
Submitted by Marilyn Sue (Thompson) Brooks



Winthrop Grade School – 1946-1947

Front row: Kenneth Zettler, Bobby Zettler, Norma Harris, Lillie Belle Thompson, Opal Moore, Marilyn Thompson and Jerry Krone.

Back row: Dale Zettler, Norma Thompson, Mrs. Mary Green (teacher), Lawrence Zettler and Ed Harrison



Back row: Teacher, Ted Rusiewski, Janet Zettler, Dolores Zettler, Kenny Ward, Bill Sheriff, Harold Ward, Ronnie Ward, and Fred Asbury.
Front row: Loretta Moore, Joyce Sheriff, Harold Harrison, Norma Harrison, Richard Zettler, and David Ward.

WOODWARD SCHOOL

District 40, Township 6-2
Location: South of Pinckneyville in area mined by United Electric.

Looking Back at Woodward School

Woodward School was located between Du Quoin and Elkville. Freida (Franklin) Emling in this picture recalls these teachers: Bertha Hisey, Margaret Brown,Mamoi McKenney, Catherene Schnider Hemmer, Ivy Walker, and Stella Stevenson. She said the students would play ball and tag, and there would be singing in the morning. One teacher and the students would march to the music.

If anyone has any more information on this school or has a picture of the school, let the Union School Community know. You can call Helen Modglin at 618-426-3057. We would like to display your school at Union School.

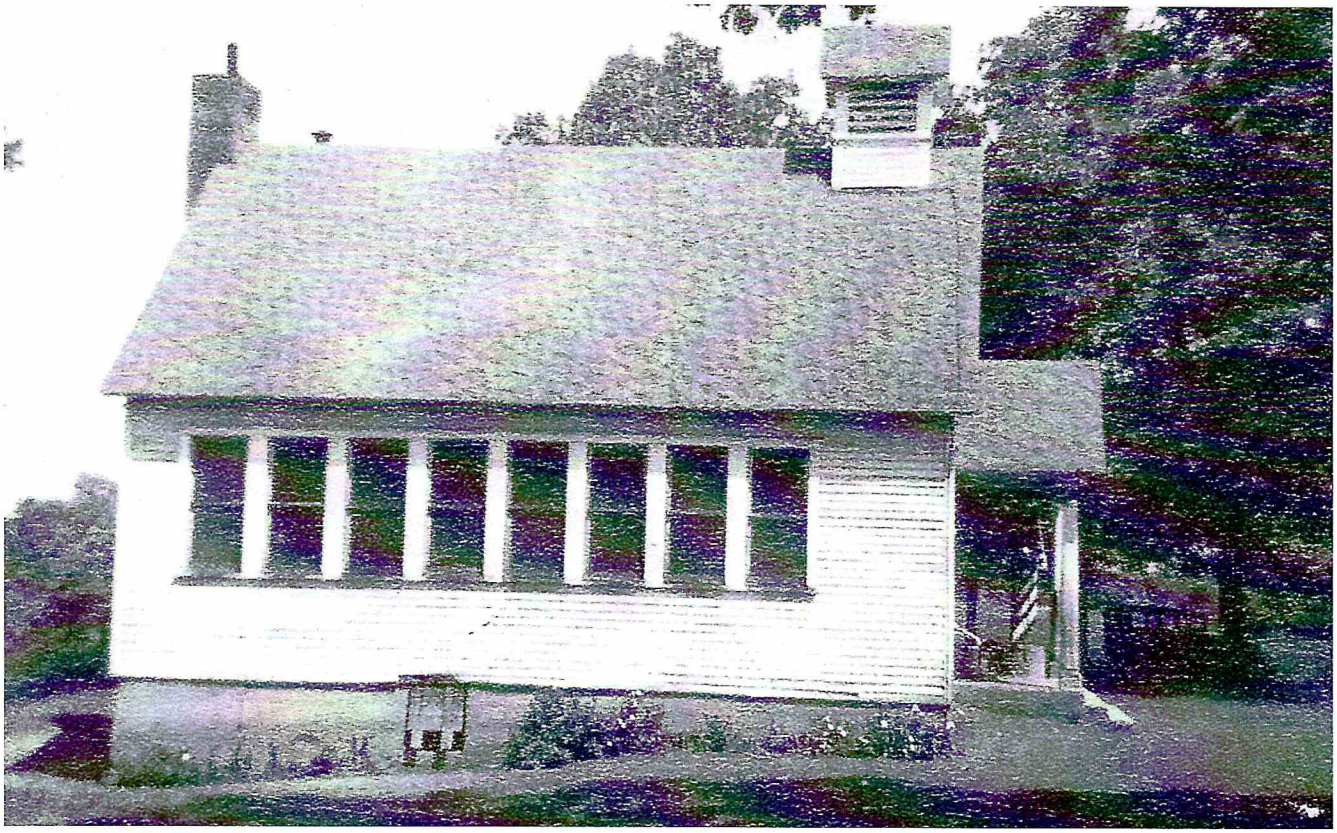
The school picture of the students was taken around 1928.

Submitted by Helen Modglin for Union School Community.

Woodward School

WYLIE SCHOOL

District 44, Township 4-3
Location: Poinsettia Road near Wolf Creek.



Wylie Schoolhouse

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Wylie School Of 1911

This old time school picture was taken on October 6, 1911 at the former Wylie school near Pinckneyville. Do you recognize any of them?

Back row - Margaret Wylie Cox, Ira Miller, Maude Kelly Dublo, Raymond Kelly, Clara Jenkel Robinson, Geo. Ferrero, Mary Wylie McCrary, Jesse Hill, Ethel Hill Kujawa, Pearl Jenkel McCrary.

Second row - Vallie Miller, Bessie McCrary Hester, Nellie Kelly Dublo, Lucy Giacomo Ruppert, Willie Chancey, Elsie Wylie Walker, Roy Arnett, Angella Malano, Angel Giacomo, Edith Wylie Rainey, Nellie McCrary Jenkel.

Third row - Gerald Miller, Kermit Wylie, Clarence McCrary, Tony Malono, Larence Ferrero, Josephine Ferrero, Emma Kelly Keene, Mamie Arnett, Inza Bagwell, Anna Giacomo Nehrkorn.

Front row - Clarence Jenkel, Martha Malono, Caroline Giacomo Cameron.

Bessie Braden Alston is the teacher.

Wylie School 1933-34

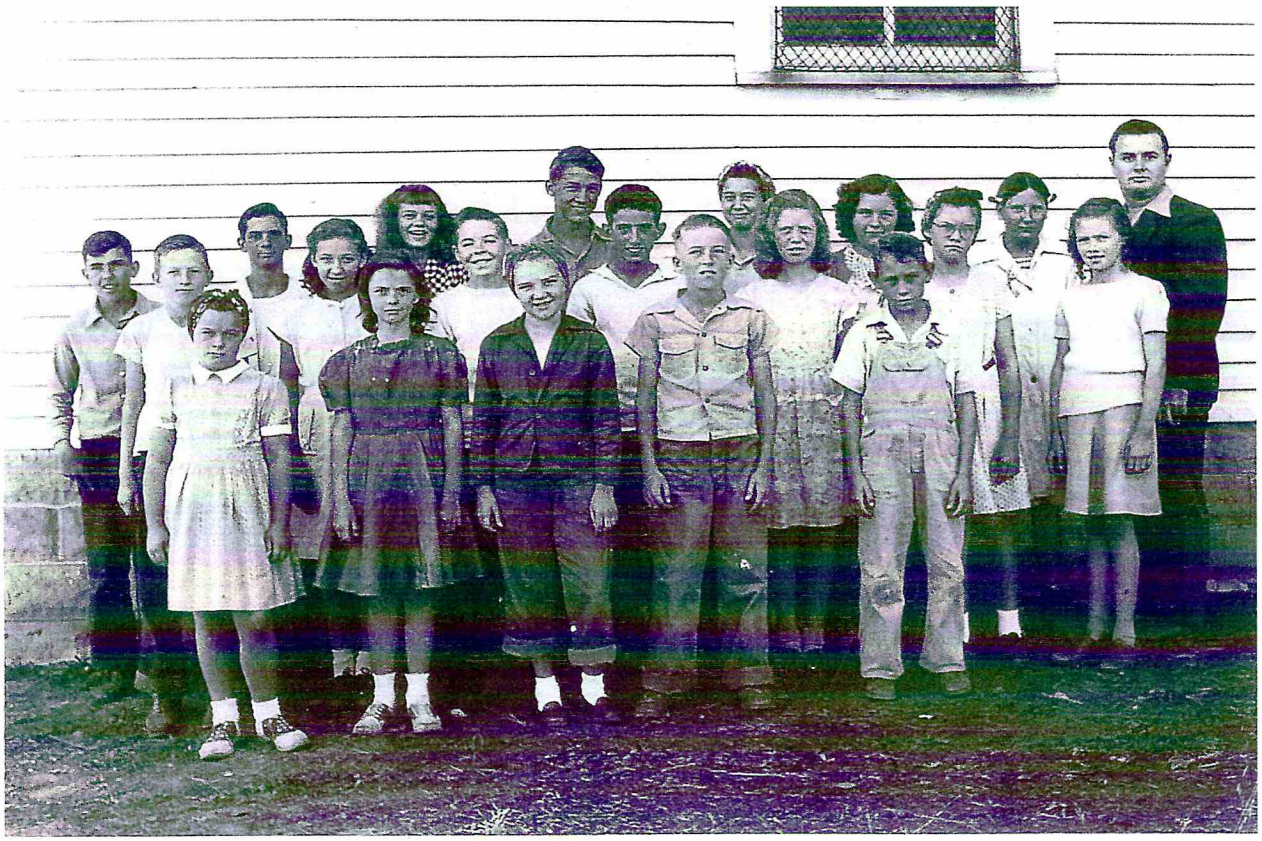
Start back row: Edgar Hill, Milton Ferrero, Harett Casetta, Lucille More, Irene Davis, Daphne Miller, Katie Ruffino, Clyde McClurken, and Martha Strickland, teacher, Opal Davis, Doreen Giacomo, Kent Parkerson, Dean Parkerson, Edward Miller, Dean Wright, Marie Loos, Evelyn Mille, Virginia Giacomo, Irene Moore, Irene Loos, Loren Rich, Ethel Wright John Loos, Richard Phillips, Virginia McCuran, ___ Moore, Rose Casetta, Kenneth Miller, Wayne Giacomo, Dean Parkenson, Donald Wright, Marty Silbe, and Tommy Owen.

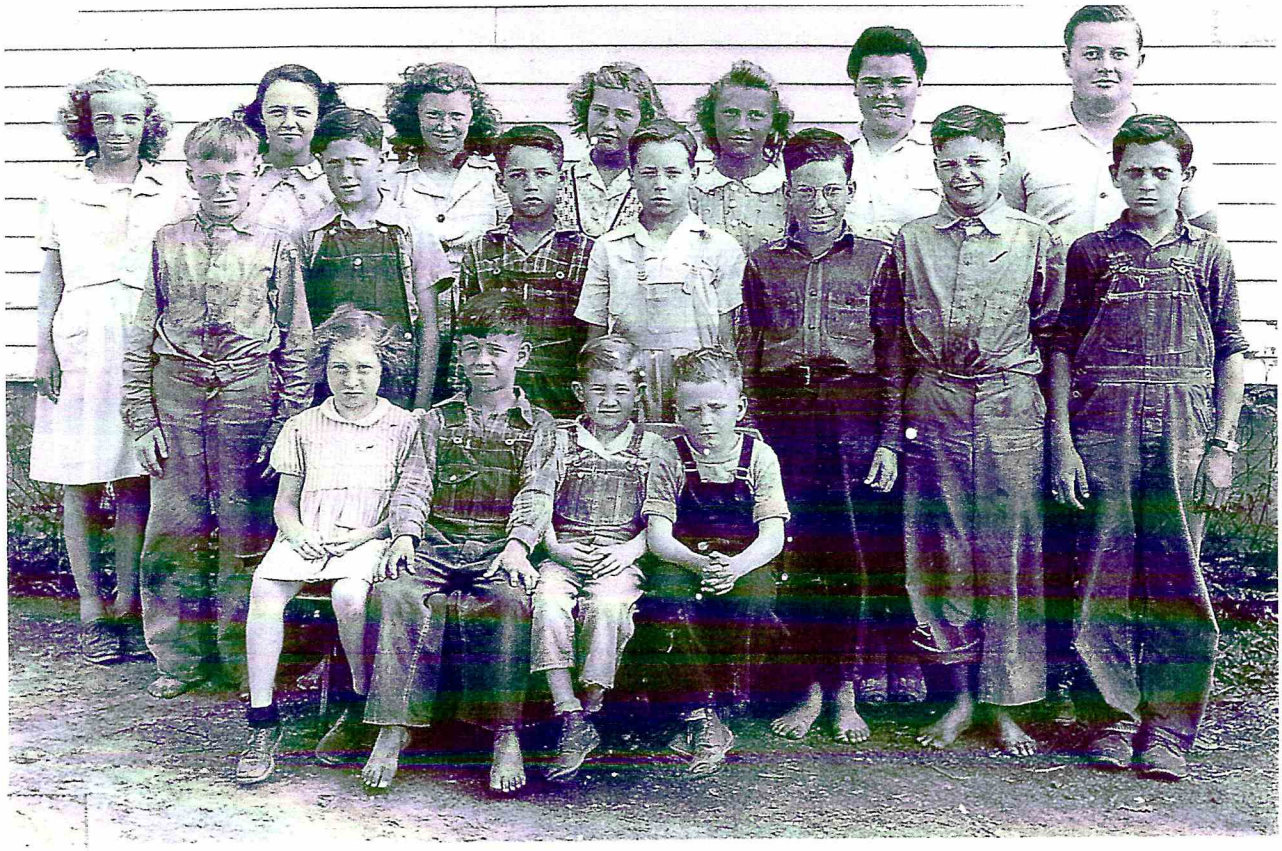
Wylie Schoolhouse

Wylie School 1934-35
Begin back row: Margaret Baudison teacher, Irene Moore, Irene Loos, Milton Ferrero, Edward Miller, Kent Parkerson, Dean Parkerson, Doreen Giacomo, Opal Davis, ____ ?, Edgar Hill, Lucille Moore, Irene Davis, Katie Ruffino, Harret Casetta, Clyde McClurken, Marie Loos, Virginia Giacome, Evelyn Miller, John Loos, Leroy Loucks, Loren Rich, Dale Parkenson, Kenneth Miller, Wayne Giacomo, Nelson Giacomo, Tommy Owen, Paul Wright, Paul Loucks, Marty Silbe, Rose Casetta, ___ Moore, Virginia McCuran.

Wylie School 1935-36
Lois Boyle teacher, Irene Moore, Irene Loos, Mildred Loss, Harret Casetta, Opal Davis, Irene Davis, Edgar Hill, Edward Miller, Evelyn Miller, Virginia Giacomo, Marie Loos, Dean Parkenson, Kent Parkenson, Loren Rich, Marty Silbe, Dale Parkenson, Kenneth Miller, ___ Moore, Cathryn Phillips Moore, Rose Casetta, Tommy Owen, Wayne Giacomo, Loren Rigdon, Paul Dean Farrari, Nelson Giacomo, _____, and Donald Casetta

Wylie Schoolhouse





Wylie Schoolhouse

Perry County Teachers

Following is a list of the teachers of Perry county for the year 1911-12, with the salary and address of each, while teaching.

ELMO W. LEE, County Supt. of Schools,
Tamaroa, Illinois.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Salary	ADDRESS
(Township 4-1)			
Red Brush	Ezra Blythe	$ 32 50	Tamaroa
Hopewell	Anna Schmalriede	35 00	Du Bois
Hickory Knoll	Georgia Skaer	35 00	Tamaroa
Tamaroa	Arthur C. Lee Prin.	75 00	Tamaroa
Tamaroa	John I. Pyatt	60 00	Tamaroa
Tamaroa	Herschel Thornton	40 00	Tamaroa
Tamaroa	Earl Cox	45 00	Tamaroa
Tamaroa	Agnes Skaer	40 00	Tamaroa
Tamaroa	Evelyn Mathis	40 00	Tamaroa
Tamaroa	Naomi Kaufman	40 00	Tamaroa
Corgan	F. R. Chapman	40 00	Tamaroa
East Lynne	W. R. Lisenby	42 50	Tamaroa
West Lynne	Olive Sheriff	35 00	Tamaroa
(Township 5-1)			
Winthrop	Essie Ragland	$ 45 00	Tamaroa
Williams	Zelma Rice	45 00	Tamaroa
Roots	Walter Eaton	60 00	Tamaroa
Sunfield	Edward V. Pierce Prin.	50 00	Du Quoin
Sunfield	Jamie Pierce	40 00	Tamaroa
Benton Road	Marvin Griffith	45 00	Tamaroa
Greenbrier	Eric Griffith	45 00	Tamaroa
Montgomery	F. Guy Hitt	50 00	Tamaroa
Elm	Elmer Hamilton	55 00	Du Quoin
Teague Grove	Clara Sneed	38 00	Du Quoin
(Township 6-1)			
St. Johns	Edna E. Thorwell, Prin.	$ 50 00	Du Quoin
St. Johns	Lela Swofford	40 00	"
Arthur	Wm. A. Barnett (Colored)	40 00	"
Arthur	Winifred Rogers	35 00	"
Township H. School	C.W. Howk Supt. per yr.	1800 00	"
Township H. School	J. G. Stull Prin.	125 00	"
Township H. School	Irene Hastings	75 00	"
Du Quoin	Ruth A. Drake	80 00	"
Township H. School	Anna J. Robb	80 00	"
Township H. School	Mary Spilman	75 00	"
Township H. School	Anna Golden	60 00	"
Township H. School	Neil Cross	60 00	"
J. B. Ward School	R. B. Templeton, Prin.	110 00	"
J. B. Ward School	Byrd Taylor	60 00	"
J. B. Ward School	Fay Williams	50 00	"
Du Quoin	Fern Fallon	47 50	"
J. B. Ward School	Louise Kelley	47 50	"
J. B. Ward School	Elsina Purdy	37 50	"
J. B. Ward School	Cornelia Pierce	42 50	"
J. B. Ward School	Lyla Hinckley	37 50	"
J. B. Ward School	Toinette Weinberg	47 50	"
J. B. Ward School	Elizabeth Holmes	52 50	"
J. B. Ward School	Carrie Rogers	60 00	"
J. B. Ward School	Margaret Hinckley	60 00	"
J. B. Ward School	Ava Braden	35 00	"
McKinley	Christine Golden	60 00	"
Du Quoin McKinley	Margaret Moody	60 00	"
McKinley	Clara King	40 00	"
McKinley	Emma Yehling	50 00	"
Du Quoin Lincoln	W. E Tatsorn Prin.	80 00	"
Lincoln	Bertha Owens	47 50	"
Lincoln	Emma Tate	47 50	"
Lincoln	Mrs. A. L. Anderson	60 00	"
Ebenezer	R. W. Eaton, Prin.	57 50	"
Ebenezer	Daisy Hummel	45 00	"
High Bank	Emma Weinberg	40 00	"
Purdy	Mary Henderson	50 00	"
Old Du Quoin	Flossie Cross	40 00	"
(Township 4-2)			
St. Mary's	Blanch Marlow	35 00	Tamaroa
Carr	Ada E. Burbson	35 00	Nashville
Round Prairie	Wm. A. Wetherford	52 50	Pinckneyville
Cross	Bertha A. Gregory	50 00	Pinckneyville
Myers	Mae McIlrath	40 00	Tamaroa
(Township 5-2)			
Upper Arm	Lewis M. Campbell	40 00	Tamaroa
White Walnut	Betsy Bigham	48 00	Pinckneyville
Doc Marlow	Lulian A. Schaub	50 00	Pinckneyville
Lower Arm	Ruth E. Neely	35 00	Du Quoin
Shakerag	Mrs. Bertha Hisey	45 00	Du Quoin
Lower Holts	Mrs. Freda Turner	50 00	Pinckneyville

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Salary	ADDRESS
(Township 6-2)			
Ozburn	Alice Mead	35 00	Pinckneyville
Culpetown	Cleda Dickens	40 00	Du Quoin
Slawson	Leila Ross	35 00	Du Quoin
Walker	Grace B. Walker	40 00	Du Quoin
Woodland	Harrison N. Malan	50 00	Du Quoin
(Township 4-3)			
Duncan	Rosalia Surman	40 00	Pinckneyville
Kellerman	Lawrence McIntyre	40 00	Pinckneyville
Wylie	Bessie Braden	42 00	Pinckneyville
Eichholz	Clara A. Wright	43 00	Pinckneyville
(Township 5-3)			
Nation	Mary L. Hughey	$ 50 00	Pinckneyville
Brush Prairie	Florence Cunningham	40 00	"
Van Brunt	Grace Kinzey	32 00	"
Beaucoup	Beulah E. West	45 50	"
Beaucoup	S. J. H. Wilson, Supt.	110 00	"
Beaucoup	H. J. Moore, Prin. H. S.	50 00	"
Beaucoup	Mary Anderson, H. S.	45 50	"
Beaucoup	Alice Sm. th, 8th	47 50	"
Beaucoup	M. Alice Ibbs, 7th	45 00	"
Beaucoup	Vivian Clergy, A 3rd	42 50	"
Pinckneyville	Mertle Hammack, B 3rd	45 00	"
Pinckneyville	Nellie J. Milligan, 5th	45 00	"
Pinckneyville	Elva Schaub, B 3rd	45 00	"
Pinckneyville	Lillian Williams, 4th	37 50	"
Pinckneyville	Virginia Murphy, A 2nd	35 00	"
Pinckneyville	Pearl Maxwell, 6th	35 00	"
Pinckneyville	Velma Harries 2nd Pr.	35 00	"
Pinckneyville	Ida L. Campbell, Pri.	50 00	"
Pinckneyville	Clara D. Costly, colored	25 00	"
Brick	Lillian Huggins	50 00	"
Hanersache	Eva Braden	40 00	"
(Township 6-3)			
Kinzey	Catherine Horner	40 00	Pinckneyville
Bigham	Geo. W. McIntyre	60 00	"
Baird	Roy Moore	65 00	"
Wolkenhorst	Elizabeth Hughley	45 00	"
Jenkins	O. L. McIlrath	40 00	"
Matthews	W. A. Goforth	50 00	"
(Township 4-4)			
Franklin	Ethel Cunningham	40 00	Swanwick
Acheson	Nora Welch	40 00	Coulterville
Ireland	Ida Blakemore	45 00	Coulterville
Swanwick	Tillie Boyle Prin.	60 00	Swanwick
Swanwick	Anna Pinkerton	40 00	Swanwick
West Side	Sadie R McMillan	45 00	Swanwick
Winkle	Geo. McCormack Prin.	60 00	Swanwick
Winkle	Nora E. Viers	40 00	Cutler
(Township 5-4)			
Lost Prairie	Madie H. Huggins	45 00	Cutler
Kraft	Rena Mc Laughlin	35 00	Cutler
North Six Mile	Anna F. Huggins	48 00	Cutler
Devinney	J. P. Gilmore	45 00	Cutler
Richmond	Florence Shaw	32 00	Pinckneyville
(Township 6-4)			
Six Mile	Ila L. Bigham	40 00	Cutler
Denmark	Walter Risting	50 00	"
Cutler	Howard A. Blair Prin.	60 00	"
Cutler	Lydia Gillis	40 00	"
Cutler	Florence Smiley	40 00	"
Tangen	Lester Ing	45 00	Campbell Hill
Union	Mabel Wilson	35 00	Campbell Hill
Willisville	Grover C. Gregory	75 00	Willisville
Willisville	Edna Kemps	55 00	"
Willisville	Ruth M. Rodman	40 00	"
Willisville	Edith Lee Baver	40 00	"
Willisville	Kate Rodman	40 00	"
Webb	Elijah Conner	55 00	Cutler

Teacher's Contract

RECORD OF

Teacher's Contract.

(STATE OF ILLINOIS.)

IT IS HEREBY CONTRACTED AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN W. A. Goforth a legally qualified teacher of Perry Co., and School Directors of District No. 40, Township No. 6, Range No. 2, County of Perry, and State of Illinois, said Township being in Range No. 2 W. of the 3 Principal Meridian.

1. The said W. A. Goforth hereby agrees to teach, govern and conduct the public school in the said district, faithfully, impartially and properly, for the term of 6 months, beginning on the 29 day of Jan. 1901; to make, keep and return all such schedules, registers and reports as are or may be required of him by law or by the proper authorities; to conform strictly to such rules and regulations as are or may be established by said Directors for said school, and to perform faithfully all the duties required of him by the School Law of the State of Illinois.

2. In consideration of the foregoing, and of the faithful performance by the said W. A. Goforth of the agreements herein contained by him to be performed, the said School Directors, for themselves and their successors, in the name and behalf of said district, hereby agree to keep the school house and premises in which said school is held in good repair, properly furnished, and supplied with necessary fuel, and to pay to the said W. A. Goforth for his services as such teacher, the sum of 40 dollars per month ~~of [illegible] school days~~ of 6 hours ~~each~~ per day.

3. It is hereby further agreed that in case the said W. A. Goforth shall be discharged by said Directors for incompetency, cruelty, negligence, immorality, gross misconduct, or failure to perform his agreements herein contained, or the said requirements of law, or for other good and sufficient cause or in case his certificate shall be revoked by the County Superintendent, the said W. A. Goforth shall not be entitled to any compensation after the date of such discharge or revocation.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this 29 day of Jan., 1901.

W. A. Goforth Teacher.

(SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.)

Peter J. McCrone

[illegible]

[illegible]

School Directors of District No. ..... Township No. ..... Range No. ..... County of ..... and State of Illinois.

RULES, ETC.—The Directors of each District shall adopt and enforce all necessary rules and regulations for the management and government of the schools, and shall visit and inspect the same from time to time, as the good of the schools may require. They shall appoint all Teachers, fix the amount of their salaries, and may dismiss them for incompetency, cruelty, negligence or immorality, or other sufficient cause.—*Sec. 38, School Law.*

While the law does not require Directors to assign specific reasons for the dismissal of a Teacher, yet a sense of justice and a proper regard for the reputation of the Teacher should prompt them to do so. A Teacher, feeling aggrieved by the action of the Directors in discharging him, may sue them for his wages or other damages, and thus compel them to show cause for the dismissal and to support their allegations by adequate proof. If a Board of Directors employ a Teacher for a stipulated time, not exceeding one year, their successors are bound to fulfill such contract in good faith. *A Director cannot be employed as Teacher.* He cannot be interested in any contract made by the Board of which he is a member.—*Sec. 42, School Law. Also, Bateman's Decis., pages 295-6.*

Perry County
School Directory

1928-29

Eibert E. Harriss
Co. Supt. of Schools

PERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY FOR 1928 — 1929

PERRY COUNTY

County seat, Pinckneyville; Population 22,901; Established January 29, 1827; Named for Commodore Oliver H. Perry; Area 451 square miles.

COUNTY OFFICERS

County Judge ..... J. G. VanKeuren
County Clerk ..... H. H. Baughman
Circuit Clerk ..... Henry Schaub
Treasurer ..... A. C. Davis
Sheriff ..... T. H. Thimmig
State's Attorney ..... Max Hanson
Superintendent of Schools ..... E. E. Harriss
Coroner ..... Charles C. Doerr
Surveyor ..... John W. Gibson
Supt. of Highways ..... Frank Keith
Master in Chancery ..... Chas. J. Eichhorn
Commissioners — David Thompson, Arthur Hampleman and John Golden.
Located in the following districts: 44th senatorial; 25th congressional; 3rd Judicial circut; 4th appellate court and 1st supreme court.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS

Illinois State Normal University, Normal
David Felmley ..... President

Illinois Southern State Normal, Carbondale
H. W. Shryock ..... President

Eastern Illinois State Normal, Charleston
Dr. Livingston C. Lord ..... President

Northern Illinois State Normal School, Dekalb
J. S. Brown ..... President

Western Illinois State Normal School, Macomb
William P. Morgan ..... President

NON-HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

President, Wm. Appel ..... Tamaroa
C. E. Murry ..... Tamaroa
Frank Gillis ..... Cutler
Secretary, E. E. Harriss ..... Pinckneyville

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TOWNSHIP TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES

Township 4-1 H. H. Winthrop, Treasurer.....Tamaroa
TRUSTEES:
H. R. Winthrop, President ..... Tamaroa
H. B. Haines ..... Tamraoa
J. H. Pckorney ..... Tamaroa
Districts in Township: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Township 5-1 S. Dyer Campbell, Treasurer.....DuQuoin
TRUSTEES:
Joe Bailey, President .....DuQuoin
Robert Tyler ..... Tamaroa
H. P. Provart ..... DuQuoin
Districts in Township: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Township 6-1 Walter J. Forester, Treasurer..... DuQuoin
TRUSTEES:
Wm. T. Mitchell, President ..... St. Johns
John Anderson ..... DuQuoin
Albert A. Heberer ..... DuQuoin
Districts in Township: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 100.

Township 4-2 William Bathon, Treasurer.....Pinckneyville
TRUSTEES:
John Bronke, President ..... Tamaroa
Leland Nehrkorn ..... Pinckneyville
Joe Baranowski ..... Nashville
Districts in Township: 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Township 5-2 Frank Keith, Treasurer.....DuQuoin
TRUSTEES:
Edel Bird, President ..... DuQuoin
Paul Bunge ..... DuQuoin
Wm. E. Ballard ..... Pinckneyville
Districts in Township: 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.

Township 6-2 James M. Pyatt, Treasurer ..... Pinckneyville
TRUSTEES:
C. E. Kellerman, President ..... Pinckneyville
Henry Eisenhauer ..... DuQuoin
George Lipe ..... DuQuoin
Districts in Township: 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40.

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PERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY FOR 1928 — 1929

Township 4-3 John Carr, Treasurer ..... Nashville
TRUSTEES:
Wesley Jones, President ..... Pinckneyville
William Crots ..... Swanwick
Robert McCune ..... Pinckneyville
Districts in Township: 41, 42, 44, 45 and 75.

Township 5-3 Eunice Malan Treasurer ..... Pinckneyville
TRUSTEES:
J. E. Funk, President ..... Pinckneyville
Thomas Fee ..... Pinckneyville
F. P. Anderson ..... Pinckneyville
Districts in Township: 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 63 and 101.

Township 6-3 John L Pyatt, Treasurer ..... Pinckneyville
TRUSTEES:
J. G. Armstrong, President ..... Pinckneyville
Geo. W. Pyatt ..... Pinckneyville
P. G. Schwebel ..... Cutler
Districts in Township: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 80.

Township 4-4 J. O. Boyd, Treasurer ..... Coulterville
TRUSTEES:
Geo. W. Schwartz, President ..... Swanwick
Hugh Magill ..... Swanwick
Albert Ernest ..... Swanwick
Districts in Township: 43, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61.

Township 5-4 W. L. Blair, Treasurer ..... Cutler
TRUSTEES:
C. L. Magill, President ..... Cutler
Edward Hunter ..... Cutler
J. E. Huggins ..... Cutler
Districts in Township: 62, 64, 65, 66, 67 and 76.

Township 6-4 W. C. Rosendohl, Treasurer ..... Cutler
TRUSTEES·
David Brown, President ..... Cutler
J. B. Lewis ..... Willisville

John F. Keene ..... Cutler
Districts in Township: 68. 69, 70, 71, 72, and 74.

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

District Number 2

RED BRUSH:

Leo Witkoski, President ..... Sheller
Nick Wyciskalla, Clerk ..... Sheller
John Mendel ..... Sheller

District Number 3

HOPEWELL:

P. Liszevski, President ..... DuBois
Nick Boezek, Clerk ..... DuBois
P. P. Stelmaszewski ..... Sheller

District Number 4

HICKORY KNOLL:

H. H. Fisher, President ..... Tamaroa
J. P. Seibert, Clerk ..... DuBois
Joe Malkowicz, ... Tamaroa

District Number 5

TAMAROA:

J. H. Blythe, President ..... Tamaroa
A. B Campbell, Clerk ..... Tamaroa
H. I. Stevens ..... Tamaroa
W. R. Lisenby ..... Tamaroa
S. T. Duncan ..... Tamaroa
Charles Britton ..... Tamaroa
Gosper Stockton ..... Tamaroa

District Number 6

CORGAN:

Pete Cullins, President ..... Tamaroa
C. E. Corgan, Clerk ..... Tamaroa
John Bisk, ... Tamaroa

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PERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY FOR 1928 — 1929

District Number 7
EAST LYNN:

Walter Knapp, President	Sheller
C. C. Boismenue, Clerk	Sheller
Thos. Radake	Sheller

District Number 8
WEST LYNN:

Richard Harriss, President	Tamaroa
George Ragland, Clerk	Tamaroa
Herbert George	Tamaroa

District Number 9
WINTHROP:

Abe Heape, President	Tamaroa
Chas. Gladson, Clerk	Tamaroa
Ples. Steele	Tamaroa

District Number 10
WILLIAMS:

Ralph Lee, President	Tamaroa
Herschel Hampleman, Clerk	Tamaroa
Grover Lee	Tamaroa

District Number 11
ROOTS:

Albert Edie, President	Tamaroa
Marion D. Preston, Clerk	Tamaroa
Chas. Crabill	Tamaroa

District Number 12
SUNFIELD:

Jack Bishop, President	DuQuoin
Arthur Bailey, Clerk	DuQuoin
Walter Schickedanz	DuQuoin

District Number 13
BENTON ROAD:

H. H. Heape, President	Tamaroa
Elton King, Clerk	Tamaroa

Walter Krone ..... Tamaroa

District Number 14
GREENBRIER

Henry Krone, President ..... Tamaroa
Grover C. Gilliam, Clerk ..... Tamaroa
Everett Thompson ..... Tamaroa

District Number 15
MONTGOMERY:

H. McGuire, President ..... DuQuoin
Z. A. Rice, Clerk ..... DuQuoin
Wm. Inabit ..... DuQuoin

District Number 16
ELM

Fred Keller, President ..... DuQuoin
O. V. Teel, Clerk ..... DuQuoin
Harry C. Provart ..... DuQuoin

District Number 17
TEAGUE GROVE

Martin Norris, President ..... DuQuoin
Lyle House, Clerk ..... DuQuoin
Earl Norris ..... DuQuoin

District Number 18
ST. JOHNS

Wm. Runion, President ..... St. Johns
Frank O. Ernest, Clerk ..... St. Johns
James P. Runk ..... St. Johns

District Number 19
ARTHUR

F. H. Teel, President ..... DuQuoin
George Keiner, Clerk ..... DuQuoin
Bert Rodely ..... DuQuoin

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District Number 20
DU QUOIN

J. E. Weber, President	DuQuoin
C. M. Bergman, Clerk	DuQuoin
Chas. Croessmann	DuQuoin
Harry Lancaster	DuQuoin
A. J. Guerrettaz	DuQuoin
G. W. Allen	DuQuoin
Owen Newborn	DuQuoin

District Number 21
EBENEZER

Theo. Klinkhardt, President	DuQuoin
Bart Ogilvie, Clerk	DuQuoin
Amos Stanhouse	DuQuoin

District Number 22
HIGH BANK:

Truman Hummel, President	DuQuoin
Ernest Plumlee, Clerk	DuQuoin
Charlie Sharp	DuQuoin

District Number 23
PURDY

Roy Burnett, President	DuQuoin
Edwin P. Hartsock, Clerk	DuQuoin
Alva Mann	DuQuoin

District Number 24
OLD DUQUOIN:

Geo. Siefert, President	DuQuoin
James Galloway, Clerk	DuQuoin
John C. Campbell	DuQuoin

District Number 25
ST. MARY'S:

Ignatz Waier, President	Tamaroa
Victor Zelasko, Clerk	Tamaroa
Jule Cizick	Tamaroa

District Number 26
CORR

John Dempsay, President	Nashville
Richard Todd, Clerk	Nashville
Sam T. Carson	Nashville

District Number 27
ROUND PRAIRIE

Jacob Williamson, President	Pinckneyville
Ed. Waisath, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Philip Williamson	Pinckneyville

District Number 28
CROSS

D. J. Woodside, President	Pinckneyville
M. Mumbower, Clerk	Pinckneyville
George Feltmeyer	Pinckneyville

District Number 29
MEYERS

Ezra Chapman, President	Tamaroa
Paul E. Stockton, Clerk	Tamaroa
Mike Schubert	Tamaroa

District Number 30
UPPER ARM:

S S. Ferguson, President	Tamarca
Ira Weisel, Clerk	Tamaroa
Frank Zoeckler	Tamaroa

District Number 31
WHITE WALNUT:

F. E. O'Neil, President	Tamaroa
Chas. Feltmeyer, Jr. Clerk	Pinckneyville
Edd. Offerman	Tamaroa

District Number 32
UPPER HOLTS:

William Goldman, President	Pinckneyville

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John A. Logan, Clerk ..... Pinckneyville
Ed. Valentine ..... Pinckneyville

District Number 33
HICKORY GROVE:
S. J. Hill, President ..... DuQuoin
C. E. Marlow, Clerk ..... Tamaroa
H. M. House ..... Tamaroa

District Number 34
SHAKERAG:
Ed. Morgenstern, President ..... DuQuoin
Bert Jackson, Clerk ..... DuQuoin
Robert Killingsworth ..... DuQuoin

District Number 35
LOWER HOLTS:
Abijah Queen, President ..... DuQuoin
John D. Harriss, Clerk ..... DuQuoin
Samuel D. McCuen ..... DuQuoin

District Number 36
OZBURN :
Dennis Byerley, President ..... Pinckneyville
John I. Pyatt, Clerk ..... Pinckneyville
Frank Epplin ..... Pinckneyville

District Number 37
CUDGETOWN:
Earl Eaton, President ..... DuQuoin
Chas. Bahre, Clerk ..... DuQuoin
Andrew Seibert ..... DuQuoin

District Number 38
SLAWSON:
R E. Hamilton, President ..... DuQuoin
Fred Keiner, Clerk ..... DuQuoin
A. J. Sharp ..... DuQuoin

District Number 39
WALKER:

J. E. Wright, President	DuQuoin
J. N. Seibert, Clerk	DuQuoin
J. C. Heuman	DuQuoin

District Number 40
WOODWARD :

George P. Schneider, President	DuQuoin
Carl Emling, Clerk	DuQuoin
Arthur Hahn	DuQuoin

District Number 41
DUNCAN:

Robert Millikin, President	Pinckneyville
D. D. Williamson, Clerk	Pinckneyville
John Thorman	Pinckneyville

District Number 42
KELLERMAN:

Henry Ruppert, President	Pinckneyville
Robert McKinstry, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Henry Stern	Pinckneyville

District Number 43
WINKLE:

Henry Tanner, President	Pinckneyville
Robert Ogilvie, Clerk	Swanwick
Chas. Barber	Pinckneyville

District Number 44
WYLIE:

Harry Miller, President	Pinckneyville
William McClurken, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Joe Giacomo	Pinckneyville

District Number 45
EICHHOLZ

Frank Kellerman, President	Pinckneyville
Joe Baudison, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Dan Ruffino	Pinckneyville

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District Number 46
NATION:

Joe Kellerman, President	Pinckneyville
Richard Hutchings, Clerk	Pinckneyville
H. K. Kellerman	Pinckneyville

District Number 47
BRUSH PRAIRIE:

Chas. Yung, President	Pinckneyville
Otto Yung, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Chas. W. Schroeder	Pinckneyville

District Number 48
VAN BRUNT

Peter Loos, Jr., President	Pinckneyville
Harry Cunningham, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Edward Loos,	Pinckneyville

District Number 49
BEAUCOUP:

T. S. Rushing, President	Pinckneyville
Clarence Shute, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Louis Troy	Pinckneyville

District Number 50
PINCKNEYVILLE:

John D. Roe, President	Pinckneyville
Lawrence Brown, Clerk	Pinckneyville
W. A. Nesbitt	Pinckneyville
Frank Horner	Pinckneyville
George Bartle	Pinckneyville
Hawk Taylor	Pinckneyville

District Number 51
BRICK

George Heinrich, President	Pinckneyville
George H. Bender, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Gilbert Bigham	Pinckneyville

District Number 52
KIMZEY

Scott Brwn, President	Pinckneyville
Edward Epplin, Clerk	Pinckneyville
J. J. Epplin	Pinckneyville

District Number 53
BIGHAM:

Louis C. Smith, President	Cutler
Fred Smith, Clerk	Cutler
Elihu Bigham	Pinckneyville

District Number 54
BAIRD

Walter J. Wild President	Pinckneyville
Albert Smith, Clerk	Pinckneyville
F. J. Roethe	Pinckneyville

District Number 55
WALKENHORST

Jacob Hottes, President	Pinckneyville
J. S. Epplin, Clerk	Pinckneyville
John Weatherford	Pinckneyville

District Number 56
JENKINS:

Henry Bigham, President	Cutler
Ernest Schern, Clerk	Cutler
Herman Haberman	Cutler

District Number 57
FRANKLIN:

G. C. Ernest, President	Swanwick
B. H. Leich, Clerk	Swanwick
E. R. Rushing	Swanwick

District Number 58
ACHESON:

H. D. Darrough, President	Coulterville

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B. W. Bouas, Clerk ..... Coulterville
S. A. Mumford ..... Coulterville

District Number 59
IRELAND:
L. H. Ervin, President ..... Coulterville
Henry Miller, Clerk ..... Coulterville
Alvin Shaw ..... Coulterville

District Number 60
SWANWICK:
R. D. McDaniels, President ..... Swanwick
C. E. Thomas, Clerk ..... Swanwick
Joseph Cunningham ..... Swanwick

District Number 61
WEST SIDE:
David Montgomery, President ..... Coulterville
Pete Bingel, Clerk ..... Coulterville
David Howie ..... Coulterville

District Number 62
LOST PRAIRIE:
Chas. I. Braden, President ..... Cutler
H. D Benson, Clerk ..... Coulterville
G. Willard Robb ..... Swanwick

District Number 63
BAUERSACHS:
Henry Luennemann, President ..... Pinckneyville
Carl G. Beck, Clerk ..... Pinckneyville
Thos. Tanner ..... Pinckneyville

District Number 64
KRAFT:
Henry Caupert, President ..... Cutler
Erhard Mayer, Clerk ..... Cutler
Wm. Paasch ..... Cutler

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District Number 65
NORTH SIX MILE:

Bert McIntyre, President	Cutler
S. T. Shaw, Clerk	Cutler
Clifford Hood	Cutler

District Number 66
DEVINNEY:

Geo. W. Baker, President	Cutler
Bert C. Alexander, Clerk	Cutler
Fred Clelland	Cutler

District Number 67
RICHMOND:

T. H. Schaudt, President	Pinckneyville
A. H. Beck, Clerk	Conants
Martin Beck	Pinckneyville

District Number 68
SIX MILE:

Glenn Brown, President	Cutler
H. C. Harding, Clerk	Cutler
Lyman Smith	Cutler

District Number 69
DENMARK:

John F. Bigham, President	Cutler
Willard Yearian, Clerk	Cutler
John Knope	Cutler

District Number 70
CUTLER

A. M. Wilson, President	Cutler
Harvey Brown, Clerk	Cutler
J. E. Martyn	Cutler
Thomas Hardy	Cutler
C. E. Monteith	Cutler
James Richmond	Cutler
H. V. McClure	Cutler

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District Number 71
TANGEN:

Herbert Knope, President	Campbell Hill
Arnold C. Knope, Clerk	Campbell Hill
John T. Bradley	Campbell Hill

District Number 72
UNION:

Gill Edgar, President	Campbell Hill
Abe Speith, Clerk	Campbell Hill
Ed. Russell	Ava

District Number 74
WILLISVILLE:

William Repke, President	Willisville
Ed. Goetting, Clerk	Willisville
Theo. Hartmann	Percy
George Hartmann	Percy
T. M. Smith	Willisville
John Hoops	Willisville
Ross Bradley	Willisville

District Number 75
PLEASANT GROVE:

James Cunningham, President	Swanwick
Dan Heggemeier, Clerk	Swanwick
M. C. Benedict, Clerk	Swanwick

District Number 76
JAMESTOWN:

Wm. Lueker, President	Cutler
Frank Gillis, Clerk	Cutler
Thos. Sprague	Cutler

District Number 80
MATTHEWS:

Lawrence Sullivan, President	Matthews
H. O. Winters, Clerk	Pinckneyville
J. H. Hepp	Pinckneyville

District Number 100
DU QUOIN TOWNSHIP H. S.

Karl D. Pope, President	DuQuoin
Edw. Flynn, Clerk	DuQuoin
C. O. Wellington	DuQuoin
John C. Gibson	DuQuoin
Charles Weinberg	DuQuoin

District Number 100
PINCKNEYVILLE COMMUNITY H. S.

J. M. Pillers, President	Pinckneyville
W. A. Bommerscheim, Clerk	Pinckneyville
Alvy Hill	Pinckneyville
George W. Pyatt	Pinckneyville
Wm. Hammack	Pinckneyville
Alva Johnson	Pinckneyville

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SHALL BE CLOTHED WITH THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

First—To purchase a suitable book for their records.

Second—To allow the clerk a reasonable compensation for his services, payable out of money not otherwise appropriated.

Third—To dismiss a teacher for incompetency, cruelty, negligence immorality or other sufficient cause.

Fourth—To assign the pupils to the several schools in the district, admit non resident pupils if it can be done without prejudice to the rights of resident pupils; to fix rates of tuition, and to collect and pay the same to the township treasurer for the use of the district.

Fifth—To suspend or expel pupils guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct and no section shall lie against them for such expulsion or suspension.

Sixth—To provide that children under twelve years of age shall not be kept in school more than four hours daily.

Seventh—To appropriate school funds for the purpose of libraries and apparatus, after the provision has been made for the payment of all necessary school expenses.

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State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund. For blanks and further information address Mr. R. O. Clarida, Secretary, Springfield.

Any teacher who stopped teaching before July 1915, and began teaching after July 1920, becomes a compulsory contributor to the Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund.

(b) Each contributor to the fund has an individual ledger account in the pension office and is given credit for the amount of his contribution.

CONTRACTS

Several instances of teachers signing contracts with directors and then breaking them have been called to my attention. Needless to say, if the directors are willing to release a teacher there is no criticism to make, but I consider the breaking of a contract to teach, whether oral or written, as unprofessional conduct and feel justified in refusing to register the certificate of such a teacher. If a teacher breaks her contract she may be sued in any court of competent jurisdiction. Please keep within the law.

CERTIFICATES

1. No certificate is valid for teaching until registered in the office of the county superintendent of the county in which the holder desires to teach and for year beginning July 1, preceding the date of the service

2. The county superintendent is authorized to issue in an emergency, any kind of a county certificate to an applicant furnishing evidence of the prerequisites and qualifications for such certificate. It shall be designated on its face "Emergency," and shall be valid only to the next regular examination.

3. An emergency certificate shall be issued only to a person who has been engaged to teach, and shall not be issued a second time to the same person in the same year, except upon the written recommendation of the county superintendent, approved by the examining board.

4. An applicant will not be considered for an emergency certificate who has not attended H. S. for two or more years, or its equivalent or has passed in at least fifty per cent.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR USE IN PERRY CO. SCHOOLS

Arithmetics—Hamilton's Essentials. Lower, Middle and Higher.

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Readers—Grades 1 to 4, inclusive: Aldines Books 1, 2, 3, 4. Grades 5 to 8, inclusive; Elson Books 1, 2, 3, 4.

Geography—Grades 5-6 Brigham and McFarlane Book 1. Grades 7-8 Brigham and McFarlane 2.

Spellers—Alidne's Books 1-4 and 5-8. Grades 7-8. Cavins Orthography.

Civics—Dunn's Community and Rural Life.

Language—Aldine's Series First, Second, Third Books.

Physiology—Gulick's Grades 5-6. Health and Safety. Gulick's 7-8 Physiology, Hygiene and Sanitation.

History—Beard and Bagley. 5—First Book In American History Revised. 6—Old World Back Ground, Revised. 7-8—The History of American People Revised.

Writing—Palmer Method. Supplies: Palmer Copy Books and Palmer Writing Paper.

Drawing—Practical Drawing Series, 1-8, inclusive.

Agriculture—Farm Projects. Colvin and Stevenson.

PERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY FOR 1928 — 1929

Dist. No.	Teacher	Pupils Enrolled	Years of Experience	Pension Class	Address Of Teacher
2	Lena Gajewski	17	1	1	Sheller
3	Alice Andrews	8	4	1	DuBois
4	Harry Chapman	9	8	1	Tamaroa
5	H. L. Atwood, Prin.	67 H. S.	26	N. C.	Tamaroa
	Willet Dean	198	5	1	Tamaroa
	Audrey Appel		13	N. C.	Tamaroa
	Frank Corgan		20	N. C.	Tamaroa
	Anna Hawkins Lane		27	3	Tamaroa
	Ida Campbell		33	3	Tamaroa
	Ruth Stalker		1	1	Tamaroa
	Opal Wrest		4	1	Tamaroa
	Ollie Bradley		26	3	Tamaroa
	Aline Marlow		2	1	Tamaroa
	Lela Mae Armm		1	1	Tamaroa
	Muriel Stady		5	1	Tamaroa
6	Belle Corgan	20	15	2	Tamaroa
7	Benjamin Smith	27	7	1	Sheller
8	Bessie Mae Wilks	19	3	1	Tamaroa
9	Ruth Jackson Valier	13	3	1	Tamaroa
10	Nina Dudley	13	4	1	Tamaroa
11	Frank Chapman	29	29	3	Tamaroa

PERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY FOR 1928 — 1929

Dist. No.	Teacher	Pupils Enrolled	Years of Experience	Pension Class	Address Of Teacher
12	Harley Quillman	26	1	1	DuQuoin
	Ethel Bailey	28	1	1	DuQuoin
13	Hazel Crain	13	3	1	Tamaroa
14	W. E. Hamilton	18	16	N. C.	DuQuoin
15	Christina Carter	27	5	1	DuQuoin
16	Ruby Smtih	19	1	1	DuQuoin
17	Cortez Holman	32	26	3	DuQuoin
18	Anna B. Durham	97	13	2	DuQuoin
	Frieda Smith		2	1	St. Johns
	Sarah McAllister		11	2	DuQuoin
19	Mary Jane Teel	20	1	1	DuQuoin
20	Joe Strickler, Supt.	1400	17	3	DuQuoin
20	Oran McClure		4	1	DuQuoin
	Caroline Boos		4	1	DuQuoin
	Catherine Howells		3	1	DuQuoin
	Julia Williamson		10	1	DuQuoin
	Louise Brookings		1	1	DuQuoin
	Anna Mary Row		3	1	DuQuoin
	Harriett Linze		2	1	DuQuoin
	Marjorie Johnson		1	1	DuQuoin
	Loretta Martin		1	1	DuQuoin

PERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY FOR 1928 — 1929

Dist. No.	Teacher	Pupils Enrolled	Years of Experience	Pension Class	Address Of Teacher
	Louise Flynn		2	1	Du Quoin
	Bertha Malzahn		1	1	Du Quoin
	Marjorie Willi		7	1	Du Quoin
	Hazel Pyatt		4	1	Du Quoin
	Ina Lipe		9	1	Du Quoin
	Iona Lee		5	1	Du Quoin
	Mary Ann Newborn		6	1	Du Quoin
	Gladys Leek		4	1	Du Quoin
	Vernice Ahlers		10	1	Du Quoin
	Catherine Lipe		8	1	Du Quoin
	Sarah Winters		9	1	Du Quoin
	Louella Foulkerson		5	1	Du Quoin
	Irene Brock		12	2	Du Quoin
	Cleda Dickens		18	3	Du Quoin
	Fern Fallon		23	3	Du Quoin
	Ina Teahean		14	2	Du Quoin
	Elsie Eaton		10	1	Du Quoin
	Louise Kelley		17	N. C.	Du Quoin
	Lyla Hinckley		33	Pd.	Du Quoin
	Carrie Rogers		46	3	Du Quoin
	Freddie Ozburn		12	N. C.	Du Quoin

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	Anna Golden		27	3	DuQuoin
	Margaret Moody		25	3	DuQuoin
	Flora B. Carr		15	N. C.	DuQuoin
	Daisy Weaver		20	N. C.	DuQuoin
	Mrs. A. L. Baxter		12	N. C.	DuQuoin
	Mrs. A. L. Anderson		25	3	DuQuoin
21	James Newton	27	26	N. C.	DuQuoin
	Ena Chapman	25	4	1	DuQuoin
22	Philip Provart	29	7	7	DuQuoin
23	Bertha Heape	23	12	2	DuQuoin
24	Robert F. Lee	25	4	1	DuQuoin
	Pearl Shaw	31	3	1	Elkville
25	Cecile Valentine	19	2	1	Pinckneyville
26	Louise Treffts	13	1	1	Nashville
27	Elmer McKinstry	13	3	1	Pinckneyville
28	Pearl Rule	10	3	1	Pinckneyville
29	Carrie Yates	25	8	1	Du Quoin
30	Oleta Thimmig	34	3	1	Tamaroa
31	Wilma Schroeder	31	2	1	Pinckneyville
32	Anna Shepard	39	3	1	Pinckneyville
33	Mae Chapman	19	1	1	Tamaroa

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34	George Queen	18	5	1	Du Quoin
35	T. L. Templeton	18	24	N. C.	Pinckneyville
36	Jennie B. Pyatt	15	19	N. C.	Pinckneyville
37	Harold Bunge	24	1	1	Du Quoin
38	Bertha Bird	27	2	1	Du Quoin
39	Lillian Maple	29	6	1	Elkville
40	Stella Stevenson	34	2	1	Pinckneyville
	Marion Turner	14	1	1	Pinckneyville
	Daisy Lemon	31	1	1	Pinckneyville
42	Dorothy Hubler	19	2	1	Pinckneyville
43	Zena Eaves	100	10	1	Swanwick
	Gladys Wright		1	1	Swanwick
44	Virgil Davis	35	1	1	Pinckneyville
45	Floy Dempsay	34	4	1	Pinckneyville
46	Emercine Heinrich	21	4	1	Pinckneyville
47	Marie Baudison	14	4	1	Pinck...eyville
48	Hilda Berg	27	2	1	Pinckneyville
49	Alvena Krehne	26	4	1	Pinckneyville
	Florence Loucks	42	14	N. C.	Pinckneyville
50	W. R. Malan, Supt.	438	7	1	Pinckneyville
	Maxine Heisler		3	1	Pinckneyville

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	Lillie Reidelberger		1	1	Pinckneyville
	Edna Hampton		3	1	Pinckneyville
	Florence McElvain		4	1	Pinckneyville
	Helen Lambert		7	1	Pinckneyville
	Nell Walker		6	1	Pinckneyville
	Christina Hicks		3	1	Pinckneyville
	Adelaide Graham		2	1	Pinckneyville
	Flossie Logan		6	1	Pinckneyville
	Susannah Gladson		10	1	Pinckneyville
	Madie Perry		11	2	Pinckneyville
	Bertha Ragland		12	N. C.	Pinckneyville
	Lois Cunningham		10	1	Pinckneyville
	Elva Schaub		21	N. C.	Pinckneyville
51	Elizabeth Rothenberger	18	21	3	Pinckneyville
52	Hazel Cottom	15	1	1	Pinckneyville
53	Eva Egbert	11	12	N. C.	Cutler
54	Elsie Williams	17			Pinckneyville
55	Ralph Treffts	20	1	1	Pinckneyville
56	Ruby Bigham	20	1	1	Cutler
57	L. S. Braden	17	17	N. C.	Swanwick
58	Fern Tabing	7	1	1	Coulterville

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Old Du Quoin School

Teachers:

Year:	Little Room:	Big Room:
1915		
1916		
1917		
1918		
1919	Myrtle Rackley	
1920	Myrtle Rackley	
1921		
1922		
1923		Bernice Holmes
1924		Bernice Namrock
1925		Marie Mayer
1926	(One Room)	Robert Lee
1927		Robert Lee
1928	Pearl Shaw	Robert Lee
1029	Alberta Shurtz	
1930	Alberta Shurtz	
1931	Alberta Shurtz	Lora
1932	Alberta Shurtz	Dollie Cook
1933	Alberta Shurtz	Maurice Pyatt
1934	Hannah McNabb	Viola Harrel
1935	Hannah McNabb	Dolly Cook
1936	Gussie Rogers	
1937	Hester Ford	
1938		Dolly Cook
1939		Maurice Ward
1940		Maurice Ward
1941		Mr. Stice
1942		Vera Harris
1943		Vera Harris
1944		Vera Harris
1945	Cook	Vera Harris
1946		Vera Harris
1947		Vera Harris
1948		Vera Harris
1949		Vera Harris

Carl Lester Birkner

Du Quoin Call

Carl Lester Birkner, formerly of Pinckneyville

Carl Lester Birkner, 90, of Springfield, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at his home.

He was born on Nov. 8, 1927 in Pinckneyville, the son of the late Edward Peter and Charlote Johanna (Loos) Birkner.

Carl attended grade schools at Van Brunt and Brick Schools in Pinckneyville area and graduated from Pinckneyville Community High School in 1945.

He participated in football, basketball and track in high school and received financial aid to attend University of Kentucky during the summer of 1945. He then began school at Southern Illinois Normal University in the fall of 1945.

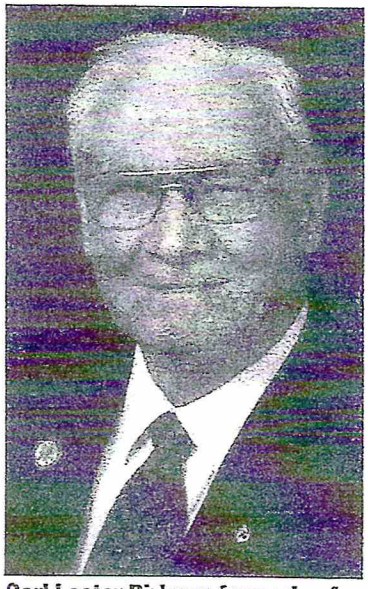
He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1949 (Note: SIUN had become a full university during his junior year in college and became SIU. The word "Normal" was an indication that it was a school for training teachers to become teachers).

He made several trips out west to follow wheat harvest during the late 1940s and early 1950s. Between 1949-50 and 1950-51 he taught at Brush Prairie Grade School, a one room school northwest of Pinckneyville.

Between 1951-52 and 1952-53, he taught and was a basketball coach at Pinckneyville Grade School. In 1953-54, he was a teacher and assistant football coach at Pinckneyville High School.

He sang and played guitar on radio station WDQN in Du Quoin during spring and summer of 1954.

In the fall of 1954, he was an International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegate to India during September to December. In 1955, he began teaching in Springfield (Ill.) at Lanphier High School.



Carl Lester Birkner, formerly of Pinckneyville

He went to Edison Middle School when the Edison building was built and taught there for many years. In 1975-76, he took a leave of absence to study guitar in Boston.

Upon his return from Boston, he taught 6th grade at Webster and Withrow Grade Schools until his retirement in 1982.

While teaching at Edison, he gave after-school guitar lessons at Walkos Music Store for about 10 years, and sometimes on Saturdays.

Carl was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Pinckneyville, and the Consistory and Ansar Shrine in Springfield.

He was active in the Springfield Shrine Retirees and High Twelve after retiring from teaching.

He also took up golf for a few years. He was a member of the Mature Mob at Senior Center and participated in musical productions for at least 15 years beginning in the year 2000.

He also served on the Mature Mob board for 10 years and appeared in several Municipal Opera productions in the 1950s and 1960s.

He is survived by his brother Harry (wife Marilyn) Birkner of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his sister Opal Marie Long of St. Louis, Mo., and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers - Clarence William, Russell Leroy, Orville Edward, Clyde Elmer, and Richard Eugene and three sisters - Wilma Elizabeth, Ina Irene and Verna Mae.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Bisch Funeral Home West, Springfield. Per his wishes, cremation rites were accorded.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Pinckneyville.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of the memorial service at 11 a.m. at the church.

Inurnment will follow at Mueller Hill Cemetery, Pinckneyville. Memorials may be made to Senior Services of Central Illinois.

Please visit the online obituary at www.bischfuneralhomewest.com where tributes and condolences may be left for the family.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018

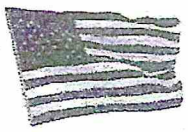
Thelma Pettiford

OBITUARIES

Thelma Louise Jackson Pettiford of Du Quoin

Thelma Louise Jackson Pettiford, 96, of Du Quoin passed away at 10:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at Marshall Browning Hospital in Du Quoin.

She was born Sept. 11, 1920, in Du Quoin, the daughter of Jerome M. and Cecelia (Young) Jackson. The family consisted of an older sister, Lindell Margaret (Jackson) Crimm, deceased; and three brothers, Jerome Jr. deceased, Thomas L. deceased, and Walter E. Jackson of Du Quoin. Thelma attended Lincoln School and graduated from Du Quoin Township High School in 1938. She attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., for two and a half years and later graduated from San Francisco College, later University, in 1969 with a BA in education. Her first teaching position was at St. Johns. It was a segregated school where 13 children attended. Ten of these children were from the Earl and Lela Simmons family. Most are still living in the area. The next assignment was in Sparta, another segregated school for one year. She taught first and second grades there.



She moved to New York City in 1942 and worked for Veterans Administration for two years. She then moved back to Springfield and was employed by the state of Illinois in the Superintendent of Instruction as a secretary. She married John R. Pettiford deceased, divorced and joined the Air Force in 1955.

Her basic training was at Lackland AFB in Texas. She was stationed at Andrews AFB, Md., outside of Washington, D.C.; Wiesbaden Germany; Hamilton AFB, Calif., CCK Air Base Taiwan; and Chanute AFB, Ill. While she was in Germany, John F. Kennedy was assassinated, and Thelma stood at attention for a ceremony for him. She was blessed by Pope John II while visiting Italy. She retired in 1975 at Beale AFB, Calif., and returned to Du Quoin in September 1975.

Thelma was employed by the Department of Labor in job services, Essex Manufacturing Company and the Perry County Housing Authority. Thelma retired from P.C.H.A. in 1985. She was a life member of Smith Memorial AME Zion Church, a former Sunday School teacher, a member of Helen Berkley Peters Missionary Society, choir member and past Trustee. Thelma was also a member of the Du Quoin Park Board, a commissioner for the Perry County Housing Authority and a member of the governing body of Gold Plate.

Besides her brother, Walter E. Jackson, she is survived by two nephews, Jerome M. Jackson of Shiloh and Walter Jackson Jr. of Du Quoin; one niece, Lindell Slaughter of Du Quoin; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Thelma Pettiford

Per Thelma's wishes, cremation services were held.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, July 28 at Smith Memorial AME Zion Church in Du Quoin with the Rev. Dr. Freddie A. Banks Jr. officiating.

Searby Funeral Home in Du Quoin is in charge of arrangements.

For additional information or to sign the memorial guest register, please visit www.searbyfuneralhomes.com.

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Old Du Quoin School

Maurice J. Pyatt (Teacher Old Du Quoin School 1933)

Maurice Jackson Pyatt of Pinckneyville, passed away at the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO., September 26, 1985, at the age of 84 years. He had been in failing health only the past five weeks.

Maurice was born November 24th, 1900, in Four Mile Prairie, Perry County, IL., the son of John L and Eldora (Wham) Pyatt. He was united in marriage at Du Quoin, July 17, 1926, to Vey Griffith and to this union was born one son. His wife Vey preceded him in death November 26, 1970. He was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother Raymond and one sister, Margaret Vick.

Survivors are his son, Richard and his wife, Gayle of Pinckneyville;' four grandchildren, Cynthia Coleman of Pinckneyville, Kevin Pyatt of Mobile, Ala.; Will Pyatt and Jon Pyatt of Pinckneyville; two great-grandchildren, Amy and Jenny Coleman of Pinckneyville.

Maurice was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as a trustee for many years and church treasurer for 11 years. Member and Past Master of Mitchell Lodge; member of Consistory of E. St. Louis, Ainad Shrine and Perry County Shrine, Past president and member since 1936 of Pinckneyville Library Board; Charter member and Past President, Past Secretary of the Pinckneyville Lions Club; Lions District 1 C Past Cabinet Secretary and Zone Chairman. Served as District Governor of Lions 1 C 1964-1965. Member and Past President of Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce, Past President and member of Perry County School Trustees since its formation. Graduated SIU Class of 1923. Graduated from Worsham College of Embalming and began operation of the Pyatt Funeral Home 1935 in Pinckneyville, then Oakdale, Nashville, Coulterville, Ashley and the Luer Funeral Home in Centralia and Hoyleton.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Saturday, September 28, 1985 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Chas. Proudfoot officiating with interment in the Galum Presbyterian Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 p.m. on Friday till 9 p.m. and from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m. Saturday and after 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Dear Miss Revelle

A Poem in Tribute to Eunice Revelle Ritter

Teacher, Lower Arm and Roots Schools, 1938-1946

From the collection, "Letters to Heaven," by her daughter Melody Joy Ritter, M.D.

Dear Miss Revelle,
I remember you so very well!
You taught me in a one-room school, where "Can do!" spirit was the rule!
Though I am in my eighties now, I still recall and marvel how
My world, through your persona, shown! Every little seed was sown
And nurtured by your guiding light. We grew strong within your sight!
I told your daughter in the line … at your wake … that "you were *mine*,
A way before *she* came along!" My love for you was very strong.
She was stunned to see me there, to meet me with my gray-white hair,
And hear me eagerly recount my memories as to the amount
Of ways you impacted our lot… the little country kids who got
The greatest start one could desire!
The dreams to which we might aspire
Seemed right at hand, within our reach! We only had to let you teach
Each child to figure, read, and write, master science, sing, recite,
Memorize and value history. Seemingly, there was no mystery
You could not help us unravel! We traversed the world of travel
Through imaginary roads which served to lighten all our loads
From chores and worries on the farm!
I loved to grasp your outstretched arm,
Experience a warm embrace, or get a pat upon my face!
I looked way up to see you smile, thinking coyly all the while
I had to be your favorite student, (knowing I would best be prudent,
Keeping that just to myself!)
Winter boots, up on the shelf,
At end of day were donned and buckled. Inwardly, no doubt, you chuckled
As we sloshed away from school and you would holler out the rule,
"No snowball fights inside the building!" Off we went to view the gilding
Of the country-side with snow, while inside our hearts would glow!
For never mind the bitter cold, whether 6 or 12 years old,
We'd all look forward to tomorrow, when you'd be there, ours to borrow
For another happy day … in the classroom and at play!
Teaching all eight grades in stride, within that one room, side my side,
You gave to us our early start. Every day you stole my heart!
Thanks again, Miss Revelle. I'll be listening for your bell
As I arrive at Heaven's gate. When your class starts, I won't be late!

With memories fond and warm,
Your student once, at Lower Arm

50 Years Ago
Published in the June 27, 2016 edition of the Du Quoin Evening Call

Parsons sang two numbers…Mrs. Armeaddie K. Rice, retired Du Quoin school teacher, has been honored by the Educational Council of 100 "for an outstanding contribution to education in Illinois." Mrs. Rice received a certificate of recognition from the council at a dinner at the University Center, Carbondale, on June 14. Mrs. Rice served as teacher in John B. Ward School here for 18 years, and principal for three years, before accepting a position in Decatur in 1949. She previously taught in the Eichholz and Walker rural schools, Sunfield School and McKinley School. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from SIU and a master's degree from Colorado State College of Education.

Tangen and Jenkins School Teachers

Bernadine Hanna 1928
Ruby Bigham 1929
Lois Snider 1934
Mildred Whitaker 1934-35
Paul Meek 1937
W.R. Jenkins 1921-22
Marie Goforth 1925
Nettie Bradley 1926
Catherine Gladson 1937-38
Maude Smith 1938-39
Alice Milligan 1905
O.P. Lively ?
Vivian Fullertan 1935-36
Lois Jenkins 1919-20
Julie Lively ?
Janie Stevenson 1946?

Teachers hired for the 1947-48 school term in Perry County

Union School Teachers
Alice Bauersachs
Katherine Casteel
Clara Manor
Ethel Kuehn
Jean Halbauer
Cleta Mohr
June Tuck
Mr. Larson
Matilda Shields 1919-20
Mabel Wilson 1911
Mae Johnson 1910
Mrs. Watson 1951
May Mcwrath 1911
Peral Bradshaw 1916-18
Uhice Lyan 1919
Elenor Geilow

School teachers hired in 1947.

Mrs. Herman Todd – Richmond School near Conant.

Mrs. Ell Gielow – Denmark School

Mr. Charley Jenkins – Van Brunt School

Dean Bauersach applied for a position at Bauersach School to begin his teaching career.

From a letter written by Edwin Schrader

GRADE SCHOOL GRADUATION

Old Du Quoin School

Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises Of Rural School
Of
Perry County 1938

Invocation: ----------Rev. P. Bolman
Music----------Girls Quartette D.T.H.
Reading ----------Mary Eileen Price
Address----------Harley Teel
Presentation of Diplomas----------J.H. Hammack
Acceptance of eighth-grade pupils----------J.G. Stull

List of Graduates:

Elm School: Evelyn Teel, Eugene Rodely, Marion Marlow, Bobby Brock, Bobbie Kelley.

Purdy School: Mildred Smith, Carl G. Holloway, Carl R. Kuhnert, Elizabeth Ann Manzo.

Cudgetown School: Irene Huggins, Eugene Pierce, Leona Fulk.

Roots School: Viola Preston, Esther Edie, Dorothy Morgenstern, Charles House, Leland Sawyer, Dean Edit.

Montgomery School: Alice Rice, Syulvia Rico.

Teague Grove: George Cook, Billy Hackleman, Mary Isaacs, Lames Llvely.

Ebenezer: Harry Smith, Bobby Clark, Bobby Johnson, Shirley Woodyard, Junior Drumm.

Benton Road School: Robert William Heape, Lyle Baxter, Lawrence Bailey, Marion Roy Shurtz, Dwight Hitt.

High Bank: Wiolladen Edwards, Junior Flint, Robert McMurray, Delores Little, Arlin Rea, June Maple, Cleo Funkhouser.

Hopewell: Frances Mydler, Gertrude Liszowski

Old Du Quoin: Betty Lou Davison, Norma Jean Norris, Kenneth Mann, Billy Ray, Norman Todd, Delmer Alsbury.

Walker: Wanda Heisner.

Greenbrier: Kenneth Beckham, Lucille Thompson.

Williams: Edna Mae Cowley, Leona Zielinski.

Slawson: Leo Epplin, William Gerstenschlager, Gene Keiner, Patsy Keiner, Mary Lang.

Graduation Program

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION EXERCISES
at the
PINCKNEYVILLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
on
Thursday Evening April 29, 1954
at Eight O'clock

CLASS COLORS: BLUE AND WHITE

CLASS FLOWER: CARNATION

CLASS MOTTO: "IN GOD IS OUR TRUST"

PROGRAM

Processional.....Joy Preston

Invocation.....Rev. Lloyd Hagel

Class Song....."America The Beautiful"

Accordion Duet....."Down in the Valley"
Shelby Pyron & Betty Giacomo

Quartet....."Green Grow the Lilacs"
Cynthia Blair, Velma Schwarz
Sylvia Taylor, Bernice Wildermuth

Piano Solo....."Star Light Waltz"
Brian Baue

Accordion....."It's The Tops"
Roger Kuhnert, Ronald Farthing
Ralph Weinhoffer, Raymond Jackson

Song....."Would God I Were The Tender Apple Blossom"
Barbara Campbell

Accordion Solo....."Graduation Waltz"
Brian Baue

Talk and Presentation of Diplomas...Philip A. Provart
Co. Supt. of Schools

Benodiction.....Rev. Lloyd Hagel

Recessional.....Joy Preston

Community Consolidated # 204

Hazel Farthing
Nancy Rae Logan
Sharon Hagel
Shelby Tyron
Patricia Tanner
Laura Johnson
Betty Lou Giacomo
Mary Gass
Frank Andrews
Frankie Millikin
Larry Thies
Jerry Bigham
Eugene Hopp
Orange Bird
Marvin Kuhnert
John Bechtlofft

Teacher: Mary Feltmeyer

Community Consolidated # 205

Brian Baue
Delbert Bauersachs
Loren Beck
Edward Becker
Larry Bender
Cynthia Blair
Norman Kuhl
Jimmie Linze
Jerry Peeler
Velma Schwarz
Joe Tanner
Sylvia Taylor
Bernice Wildermuth

Teacher: Betty Hammack

Beaucoup School

Thelma Feltmeyer
Tommy Hawkins
Nancy Phillips
Keith Pogue
Ross Presswood
Darlene Owens
Marlene Owens
Jack Rennison
Ronald Tanner
Jimmy Wright

Teacher: Charles W. Neville

Community Consolidated # 203

Donnie Bird
Ronald Farthing
Janet Greer
Donna Harrison
Raymond Jackson
Roger Kuhnert
Duane Ogilvie
Lonnie Ogilvie
Donna Robbins
Norma Perkey
RoJean Thomas
Madaline Thornton
Phyllis Thornton
Ralph Weinhoffer
Wayne Wright

Teacher: Elmer Ervin

GRADUATES

Duncan School

Clarence (Buck) Hutchings
Lyle Ibendahl
Ethel Jones
Janet Millikin
Ronald Shrum

Teacher: Lillian M. Todd

Wylie School

Shirley Giacomo
Jeanette Leuker
P. J. Leuker
Allen Ray Davis
Carrol Wright
Ralph Ferrari
Elmer Lee Campbell

Teacher: Gertrude Valentine

Eichholz School

Diane Mathis

Teacher: June McKinstry

Nation School

Larry Law

Teacher: Marie Feik

Brush Prairie

Barbara Campbell

Teacher: Vivian Wieman

Community Consolidated # 210

Bob Pyatt
Lee Lindner
Gary Timpner
Garreth Egbert
Roberta Crawford
Diana Kiegley
Janet Winter
Frances Bigham

Teacher: Eva Egbert

AWARDS, DIPLOMAS, REPORT CARDS, AND FRIENDSHIP QUILTS

Certificate of Award

This Certifies That

Leona Ruth Fulk

A pupil of the Public Schools of Perry County, Illinois, is awarded this Certificate for punctual and regular attendance, having attended

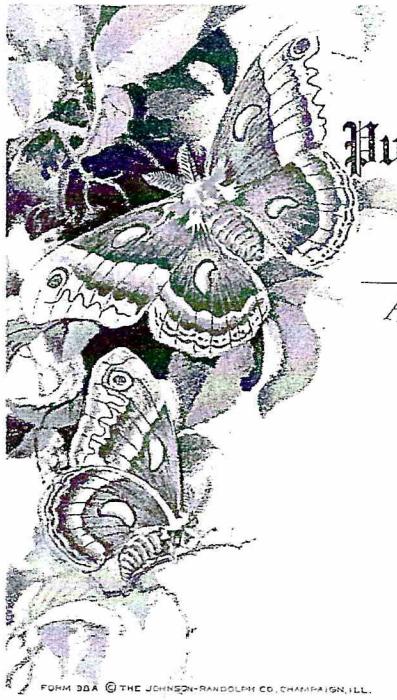
For 157½ Days

for the school year, and is therefore entitled to this Testimonial

Given at Pinckneyville, Illinois, this seventh day of May 1931

E. E. Harrison
County Superintendent of Schools

Elisabeth Corden
Teacher



Illinois Pupils Reading Circle Certificate

This Certifies That

Leona Fulk

A pupil of the Public Schools of Perry County, Illinois, has completed the approved reading of Four Pupils Reading Circle Books and is therefore awarded this Testimonial.

Given at Pinckneyville, Illinois, this 27 day of April, 1927.

J. W. Hammack
County Superintendent of Schools

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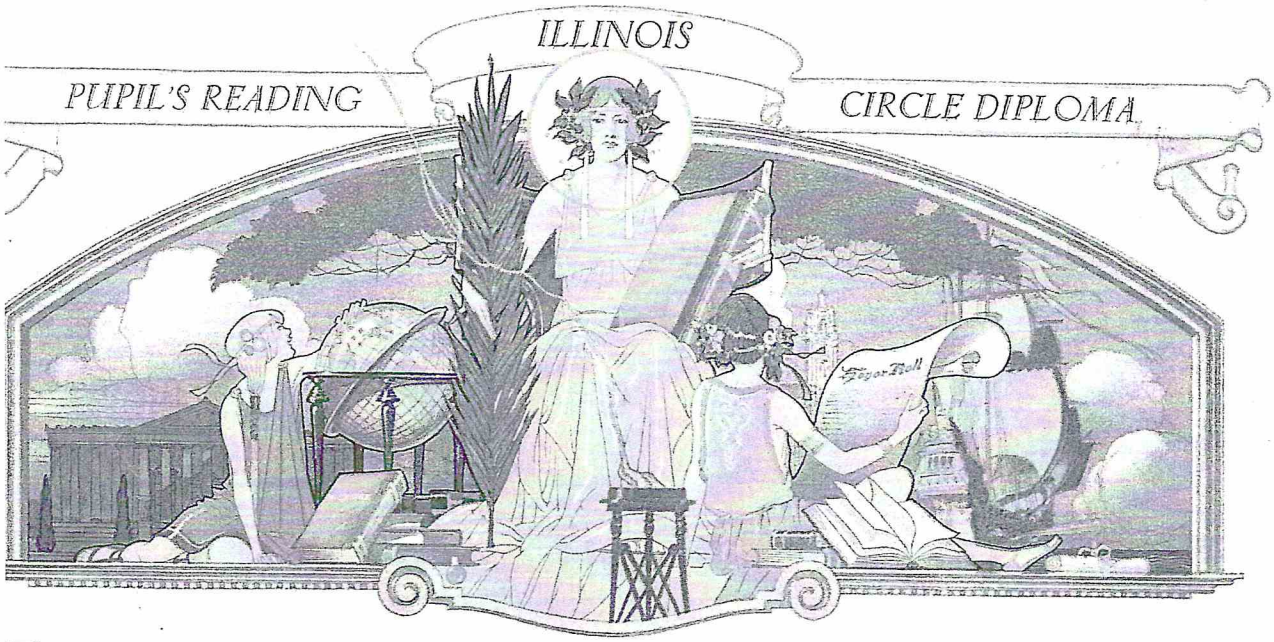


This Certifies that

Leona Fulk

having completed the approved reading of Sixteen Library Books
prescribed for the schools of

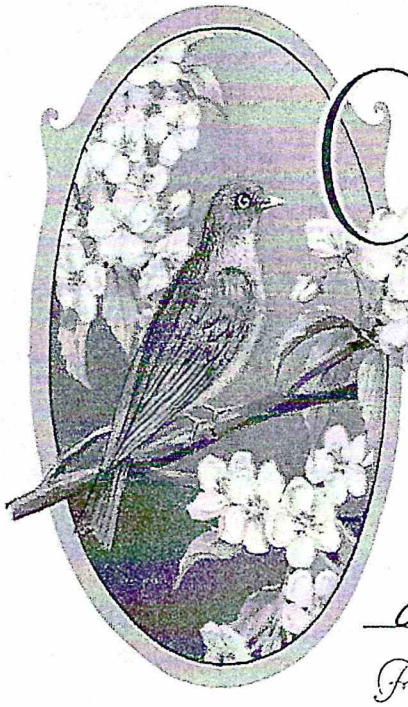
Perry County

which represents the completion of the course in Reading
is therefore awarded this Testimonial.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto affix my signature and seal at
Pinckneyville, Illinois, this 27 day of April 1937
District No. 37

John L. Glenn
Teacher

J. H. Hammack
County Superintendent of Schools



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day of May 1931

E. E. Harrison
County Superintendent of Schools

Elisabeth Corden
Teacher

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Leona Fulk

has satisfactorily completed the Course of Study in the Common Branches required by law to be taught in the Public Schools of

Perry County

and is therefore entitled to this Diploma which admits the holder to any high school in the state.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto affix my signature and seal at Pinckneyville, Illinois, this 29 day of April, 1938

District No. 34

Shirley Millard
Teacher

J. H. Hammack
County Superintendent of Schools

Bigham School,

District No. 2.

Township 6, Range 3,

Perry County, Illinois.

30 weeks.

1897-1898

Presented by—F. P. Anderson, Teacher.

To Lyman Smith

Directors { Isaac Bigham, Thomas Smith, John T. Stevenson.

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Names of Pupils.

Anna Armstrong	Emma Armstroug
Cora Armstrong	Mabel Armstroug
Roy Anthes	Milda Bigham
Betsy Bigham	Elwin Bigham
Roy Bigham	Bessie M. Bigham
Gilbert Bigham	Elmer Bigham
Viola Bigham	Eliza Bigham
Shelvy Bigham	Wm. M Bigham
John F. Bigham	Elihu Bigham
Emma Bilderback	Herman Blum
Bennie Carpenter	Maudie Carpenter
Charles Carpenter	Grover Carpenter
Pearl Campbell	Millie Deem
Dillie Deem	Nora Deem
Sophia Deem	Barton Eaton
Artist Eaton	Jeannette Egbert
Lawence Egbert	Fritz Garmer
Gertrude Hamilton	Maud Hamilton
Effa Hamilton	Alta Hamilton
John Justice	Edwin Krug
Conrad Krug	Willie Krug
Frank Johnson	Albert Mohr
Henry Mohr	Mary Mohr
Oliver McIlrath	May McIlrath
Elza Neiderbracht	Eda Neiderbracht
Edward Neiderbracht	Bertha Stevenson
Stella Stevenson	Armor Smith
Clementine Stevenson	Alice Smith
Mary Smith	Lyman Smith
Fred Smith	Eva Smith
David Smith	Minnie Stevenson
Bessie Stevenson	Samuel Stevenson
Henry Schwartskoupf	Lola Smith
Luther Smith	Herbert Stevenson
Henry Seligmiller	Emma Teiman
Emro Uhles	Oscar Uhles

"Teach the children! It is painting in fresco."—Emerson.

"Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man."
—Bacon

"What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to an human soul."—Addison.

"Education alone can conduct us to that enjoyment which is at once best in quality and infinite in quantity."—Horace Mann.

"The best and most important part of every man's education is that which he gives himself."—Gibbon.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

I HAVE EXAMINED THIS REPORT

First Quarter
September Mrs Viola Fulk
October Mrs Viola Fulk

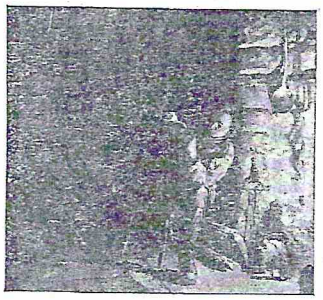
Second Quarter
November Mrs Viola Fulk
December Mrs Viola Fulk

Third Quarter
January Mrs Viola Fulk
February Mrs Viola Fulk

Fourth Quarter
March Mrs Viola Fulk
April

May examination

Teacher's Report to Parents



I will study and prepare myself and then perhaps my time will come.
—Abraham Lincoln.

PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Pupil Viola Fulk
School Cheesman
Age 6 Grade Second
For the School Year Beginning
Sept. 4 192 8, and ending
192
Promoted to Third Grade
Rosana F. Sharp Teacher.
ELBERT E. HARRISS,
County Superintendent of Schools

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REPORT FOR YEAR BEGINNING 193 AND ENDING 193

	Year of Course Studied	Work Taken Month	STANDING BY MONTH 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	Average	EXAMINATIONS 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	BEGIN NEXT YR. Year of Course	Month
Reading			89	89	90	91	91	91	91	91								
Writing			90	91	91	92	93	93	93	93								
Spelling			100	98	100	99	99	98	98	98								
Arithmetic			85	86	88	89	90	90	90	90								
Language or Grammar			92	90	92	95	94	94	94	94								
Geography			90	84	89	89	98	93	93	93								
Physiology				89	87	91												
U. S. History			88	88	88	89	89	85	85	85								
State History																		
General Exercise																		
Civics							85	83	83	83								
Agriculture			88	88	88													
Drawing																		

GRADE { Excellent 95 to 100 | Good 85 to 95 | Fair 75 to 85 | Unsatisfactory 60 to 75 | Poor Below 60 | Required Av. 75

ATTENDANCE Times Tardy	Days Absent	CONDUCT Satisfactory	Annoys Others	Restless	Inclines to Mischief	RECITATIONS Satisfactory	Shows Improvement	Work Shows Falling Off	Capable of Doing Better	Inattentive	Seldom Does Well	Comes Poorly Prepared	Satisfactory	Shows Improvement	Gives up too Easily	Copies	Work Carelessly Done	Wastes Time	Indolent	TRAITS OF PUPIL: ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL WORK Very Commendable	Satisfactory	Shows Improvement	Gives up too Easily	Copies	Work Carelessly Done	Wastes Time	Indolent
0	0	X				X			X				X							Mo. 1	X						
0	0	X				X							X							2	X						
0	0	X				X							X							3	X						
0	0	X				X							X							4	X						
1	0	X				X							X							5	X						
9	0	X				X							X							6	X						
2	0	X				X							X							7	X						
2	0	X				X							X							8	X						
6																				9							

NOTE: Place (X) Opposite Trait to Which Attention is Called

Friendship Quilt from Cross School given to teacher Marie Feik in 190.

Raymond Goldman, Roy Allen Stotz, Ronald Kuhnert, Nellie Dean Stotz, Doris Woodside, Phyllis Pulke, Nadine Fisher, Inize Lambert, Kenneth Lambert, Dean Woodside, Irene Lambert, Marie Feik, Teacher, Margaret Chapman, Laura Hays, Florence Lambert, Lawreence Przygoda, Virginia Hays, Zelda Hays, Kowana Kuhnert, Frances Przygoda

Friendship quilt given to Loa Runion at South Six Mile School 1940.

Evelyn Wittenborn, Junior Smith, Martha J. Smith, Fern Hallbauer, Geneva Brown, Deloris Benedict, Leonard Ray Gladson, Raymond Wittenborn, Marilyn Brown, Helen Hallbauer, Phyllis Louise Rule, Clifford Smith, Jean Hallbauer, Harmon Wagner, Norma Jean Gladson, Dorothy Delight Gladson, Burnell Brown, Robert Bigham, Eileen Smith, Russel Mohr

Painting of Slawson School

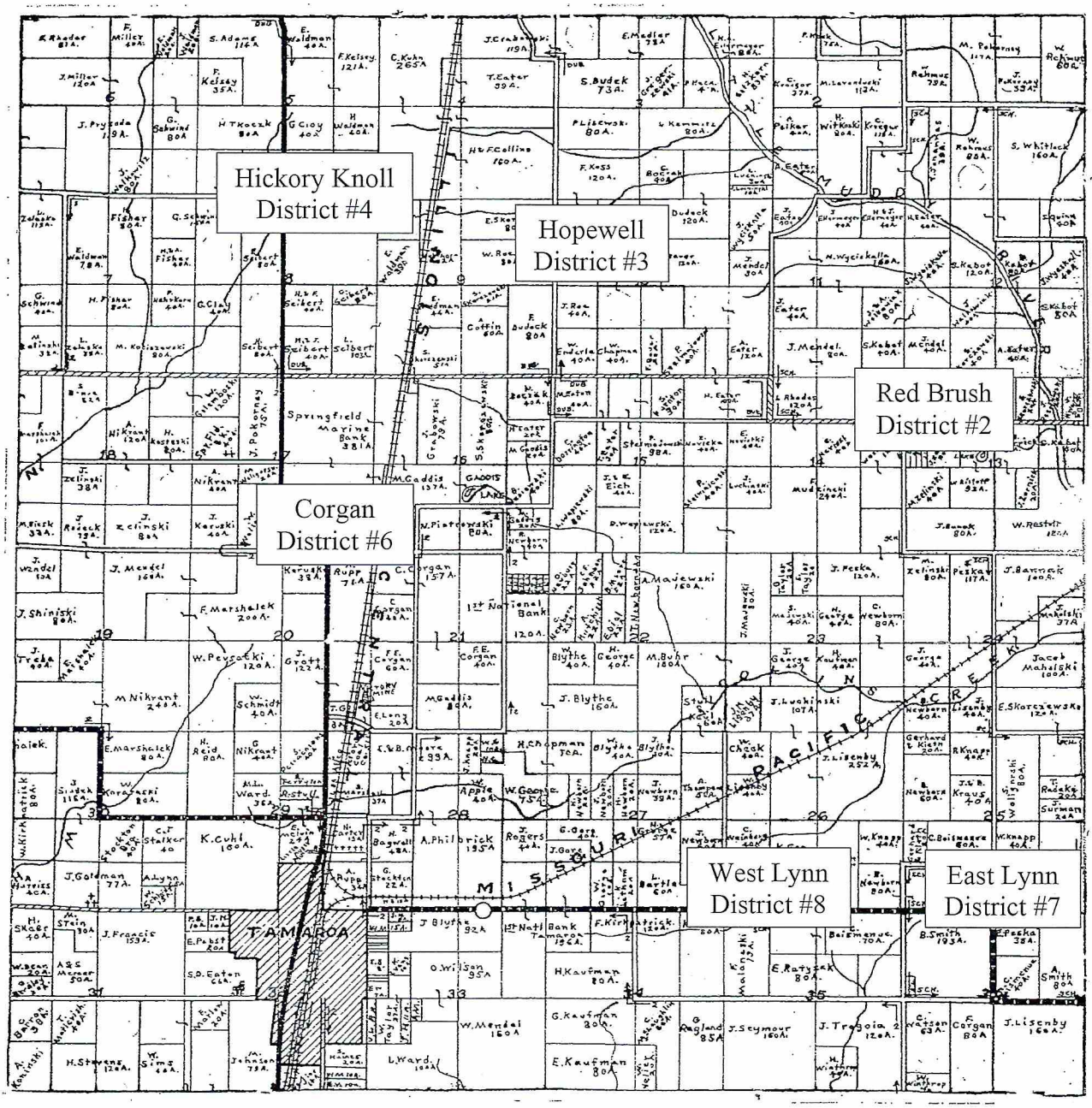
Photo of a copy of a painting of Slawson School (Circa 1911) from a photograph by Virginia Genesio Doolin, daughter of Irene Genesio who attended Slawson School.

The Roots School Building

The Roots School building saved by Jean and Calvin Ibendahl and relocated to their farm in Tamaroa.

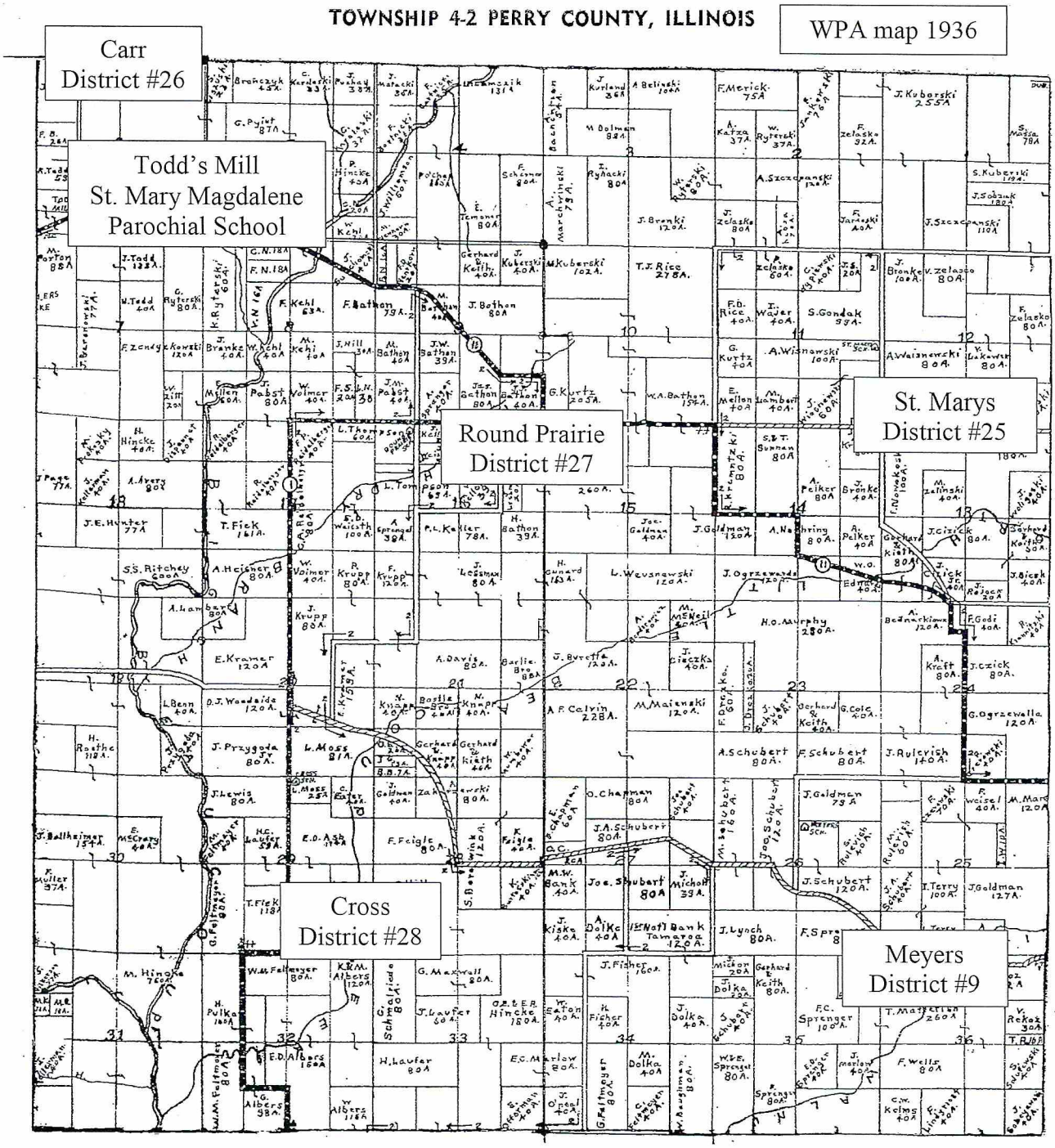
Township 4-1

TOWNSHIP 4-1 PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS WPA map 1936



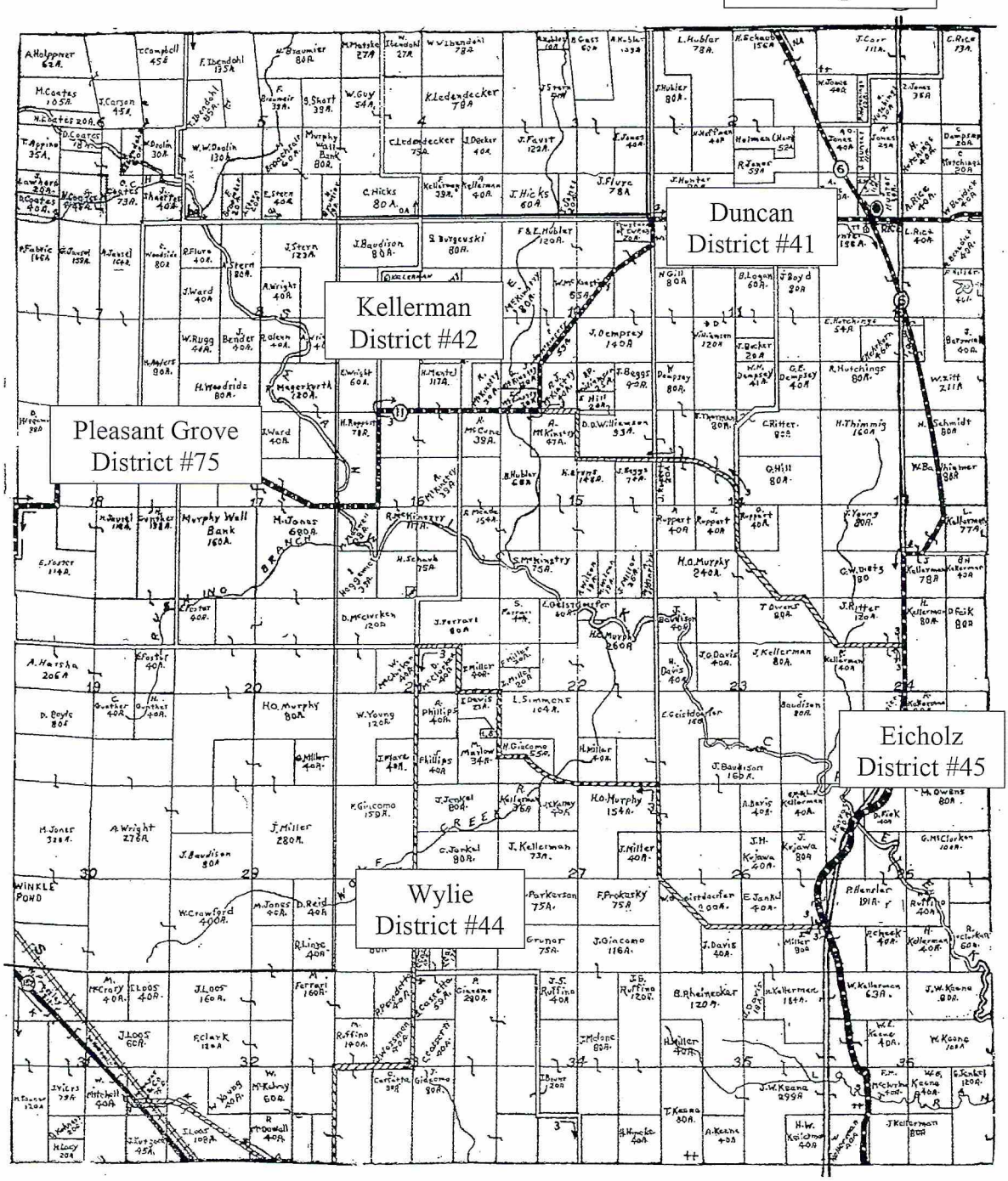
Township 4-1
2 Red Brush
3 Hopewell
4 Hickory Knoll
5 Tamaroa Grade & High
6 Corgan
7 East Lynn
8 West Lynn
Bland 1832

Township 4-2



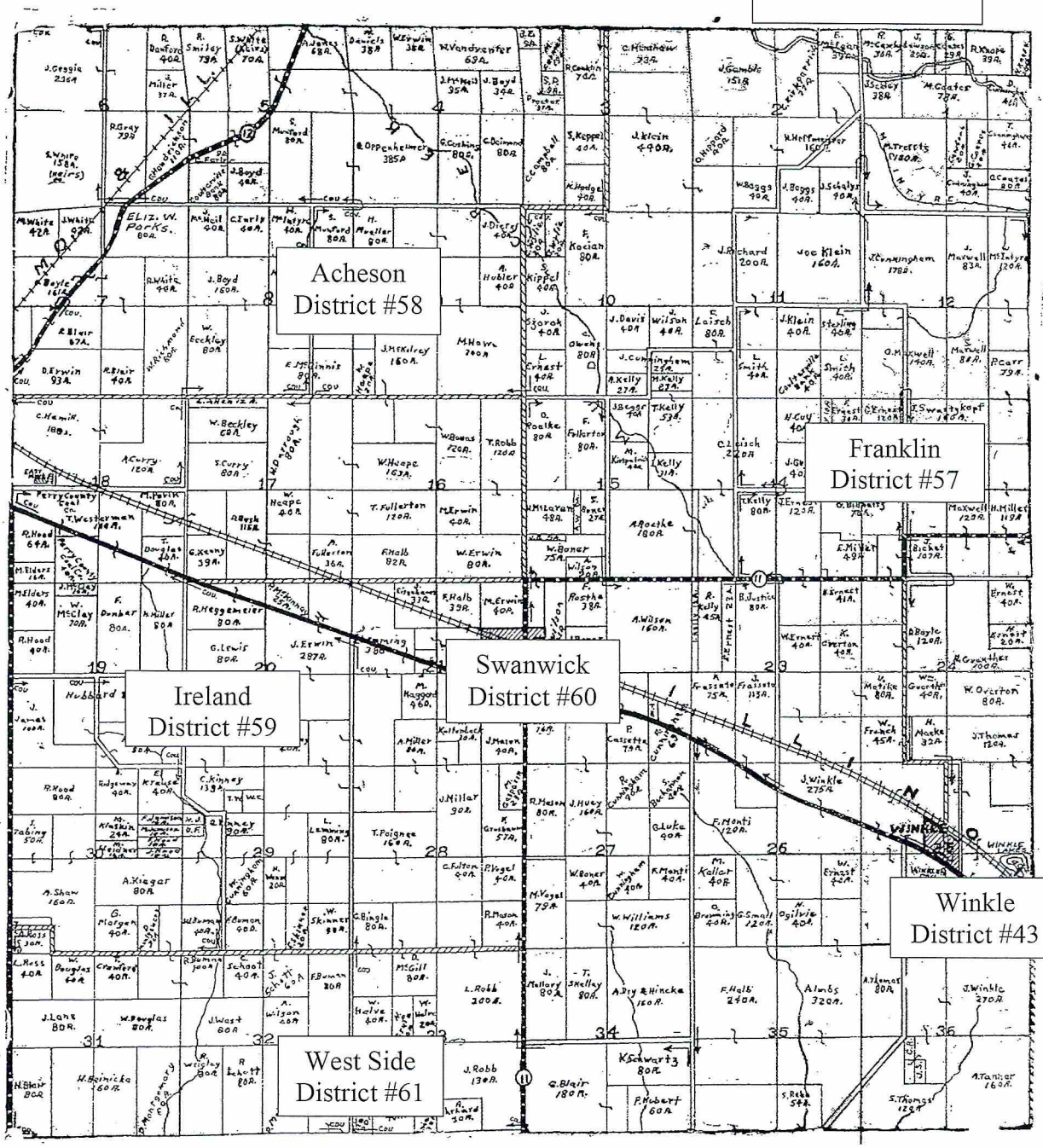
Township 4-2
25 St. Marys
26 Carr
27 Round Prairie
28 Cross
29 Meyers

Township 4-3



Township 4-3
41 Duncan
42 Kellerman
44 Wylie
45 Eicholz
75 Pleasant Grove

Township 4-4



Township 4-4
43 Winkle
57 Franklin
58 Acheson
59 Ireland
60 Swanwick
61 West Side

Township 5-1

TOWNSHIP 5-1 PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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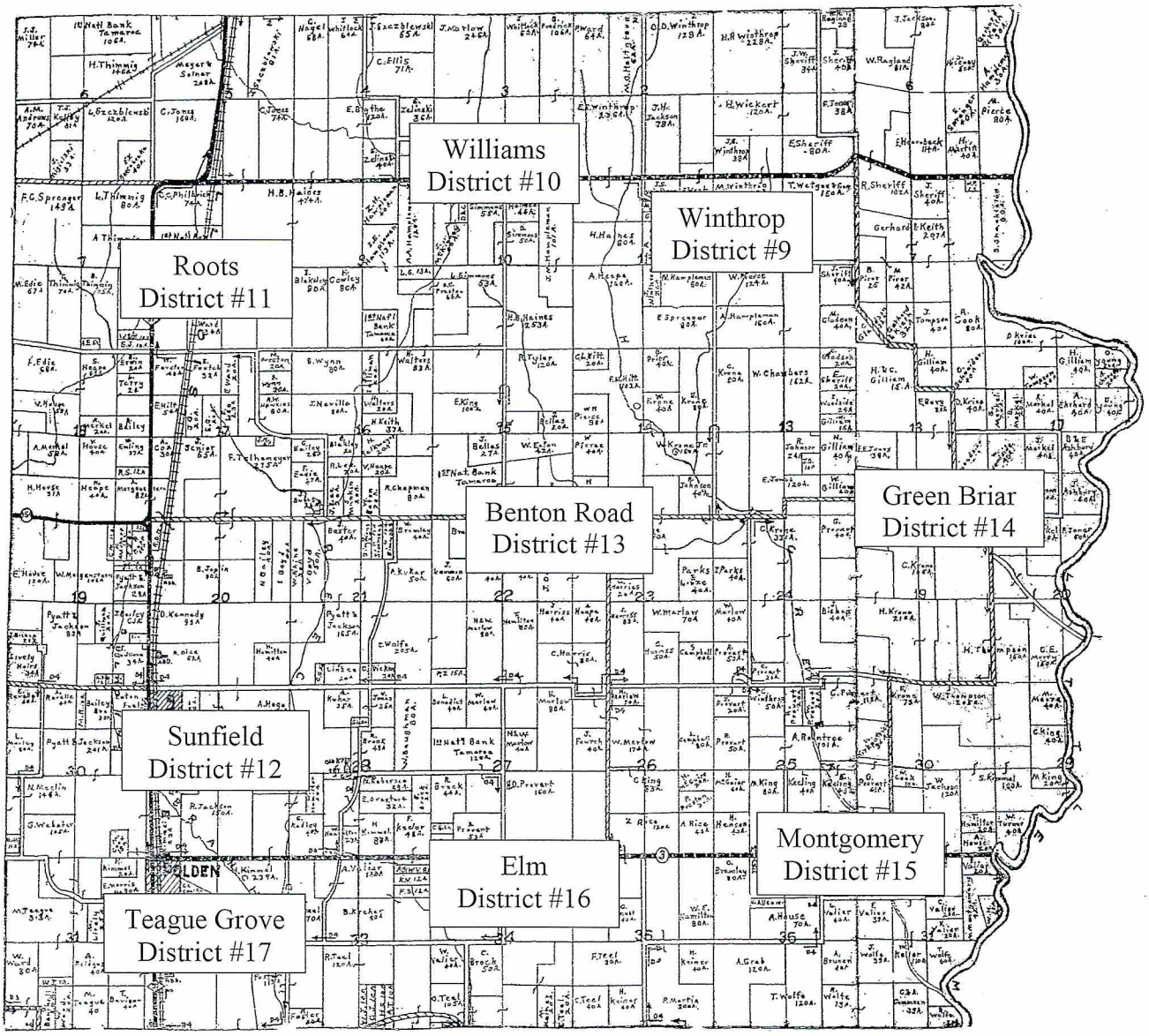

Township 5-1
9 Winthrop
10 Williams
11 Roots
12 Sunfield
13 Benton Road
14 Greenbriar
15 Montgomery
16 Elm
17 Teague Grove

Township 5-2

TOWNSHIP 5-2 PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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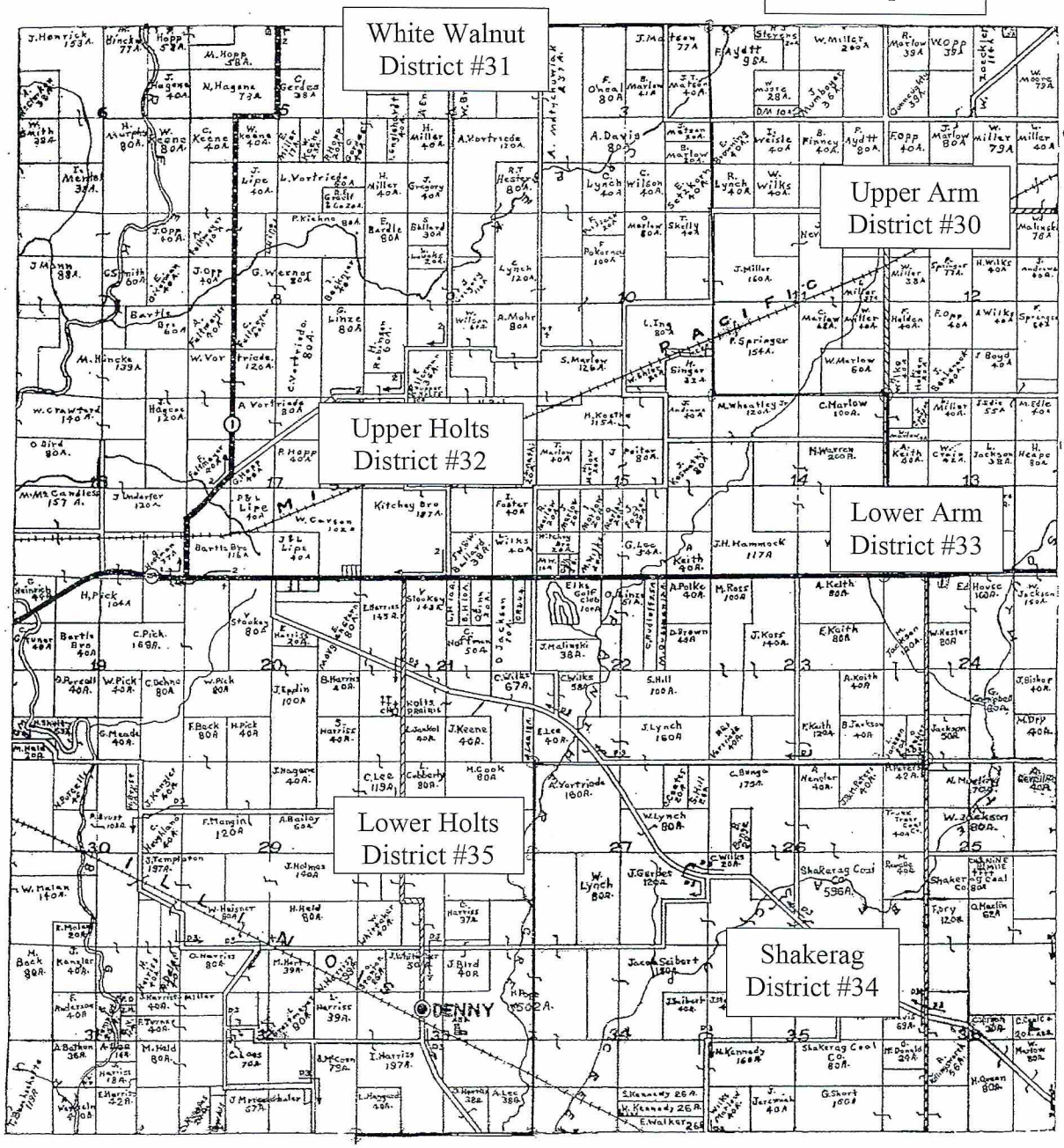
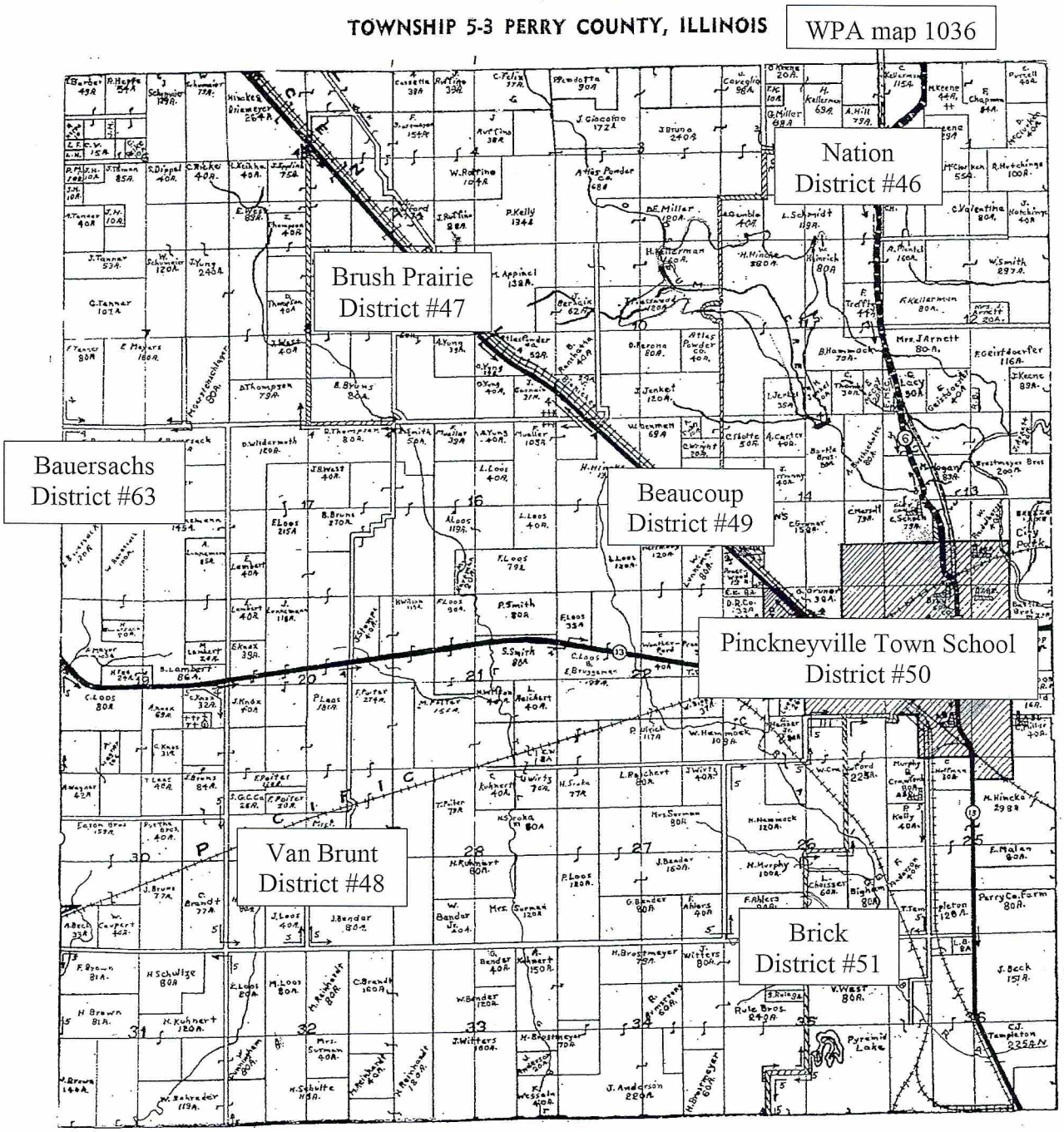


Township 5-2
30 Upper Arm
31 White Walnut
32 Upper Holts
33 Lower Arms
34 Shakerag
35 Lower Holts

Township 5-3



Township 5-3
46 Nation
47 Brush Prairie
48 Van Brunt
49 Beaucoup
50 Pinckneyville Grade
51 Brick
63 Bauersachs
101 Pinckneyville Community High

Township 5-4

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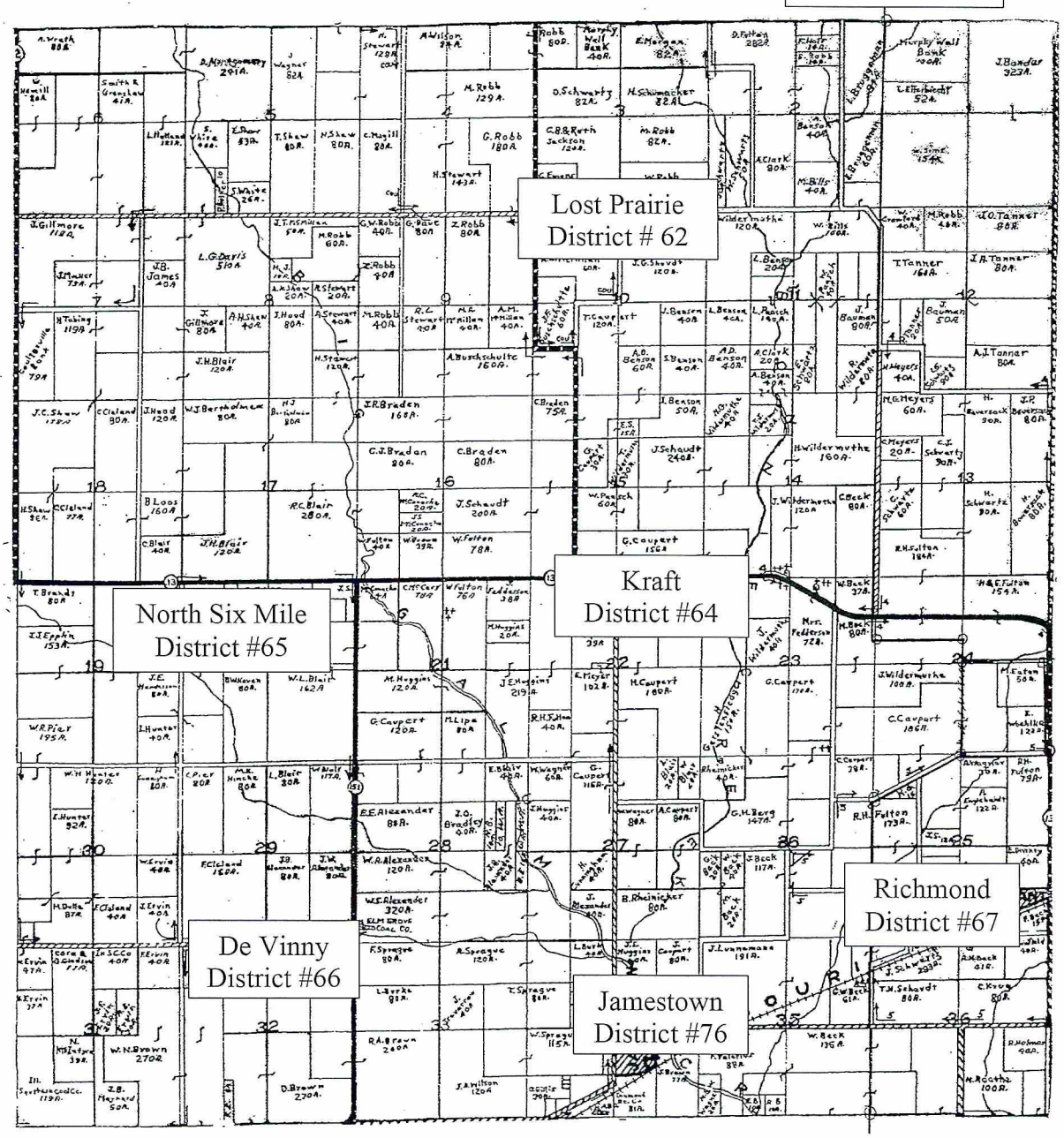

Township 5-4
62 Lost Prairie
64 Kraft
65 N. Six Mile
66 DeVinney
67 Richmond
76 Jamestown
Tildon 1835

Township 6-1

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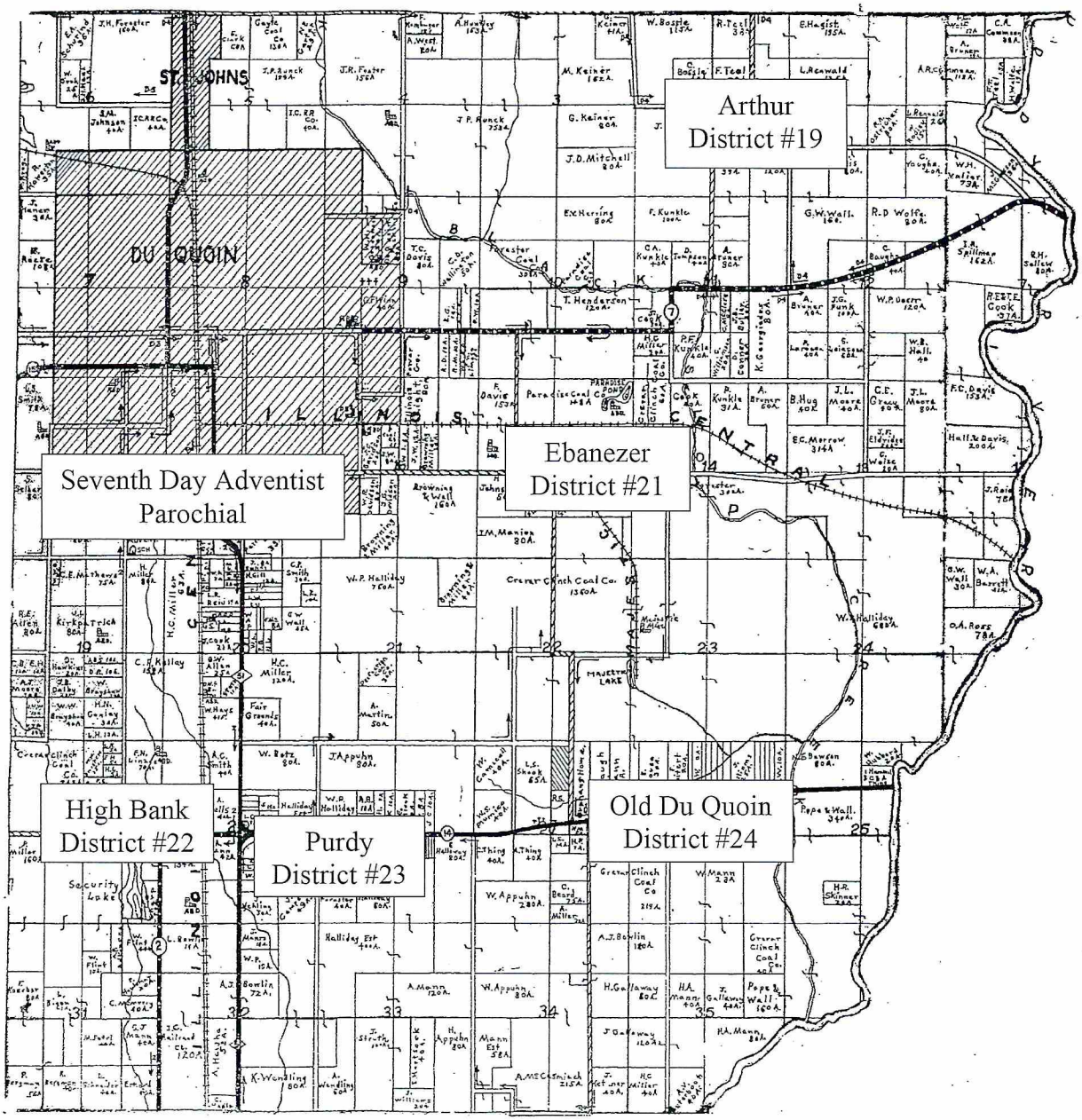
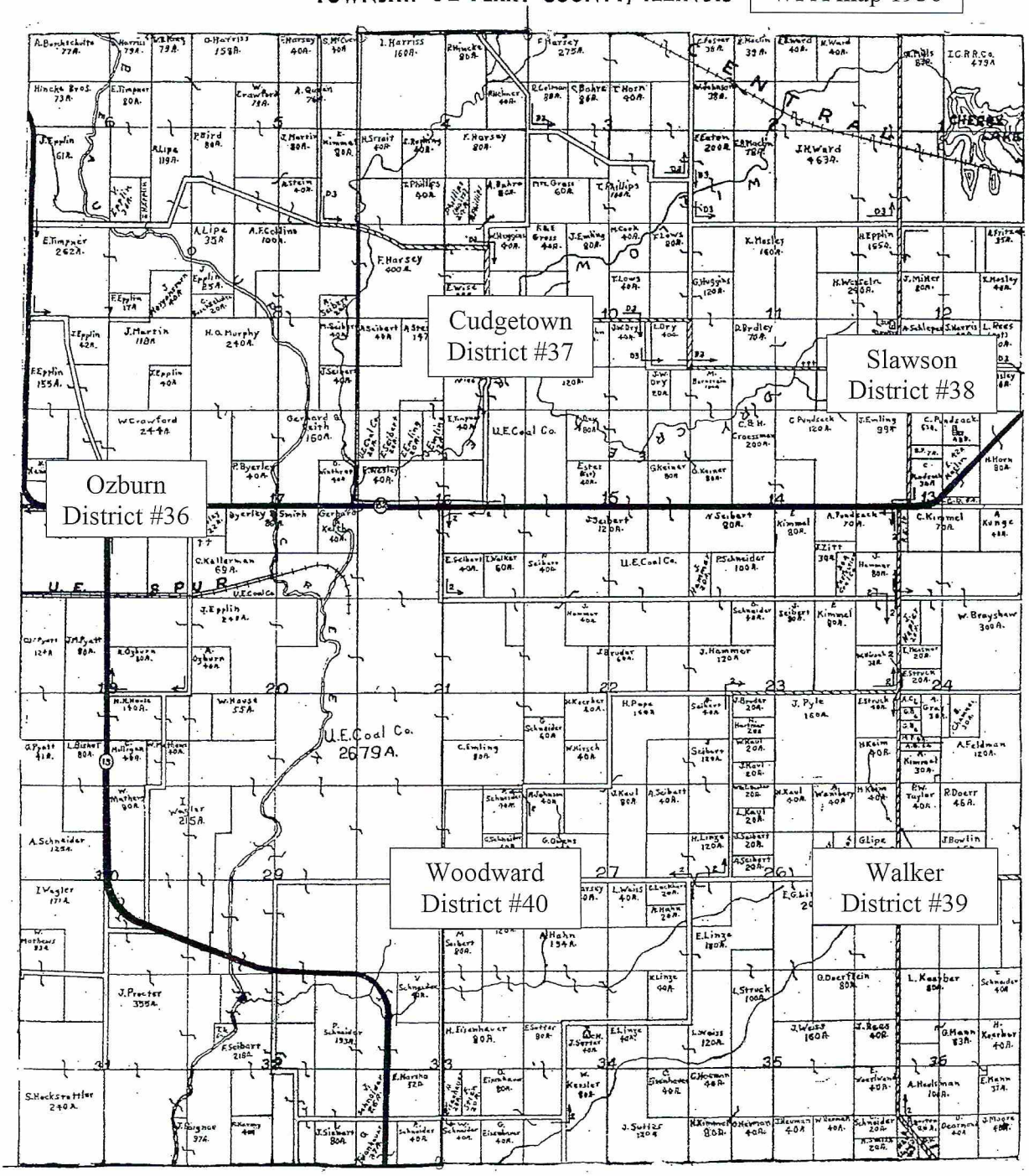


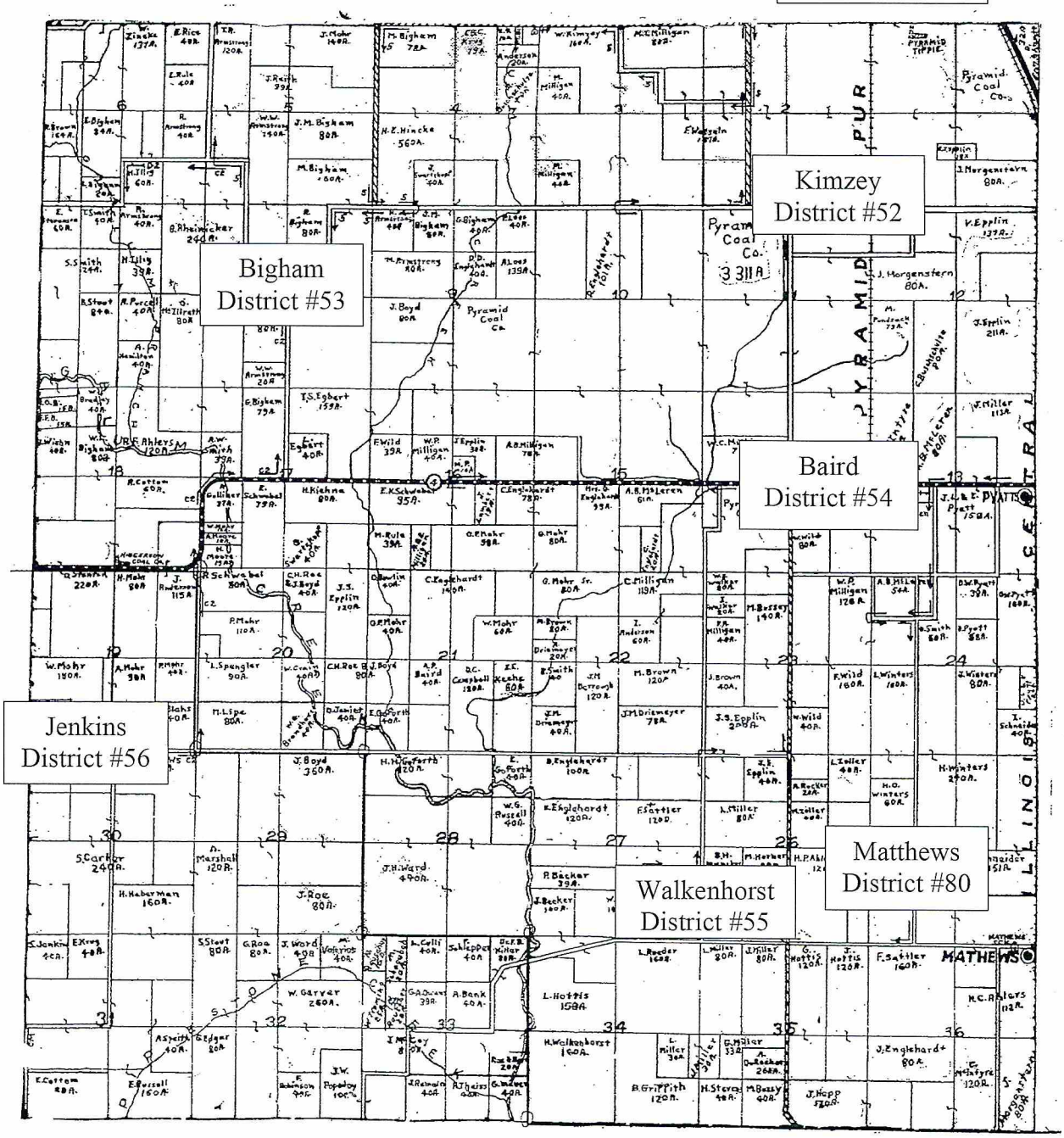
Township 6-1
18 St. Johns
19 Arthur
20 DuQuoin
21 Ebenezer
22 Highbank
23 Purdy
24 Old DuQuoin
100 DuQuoin Township High

Township 6-2



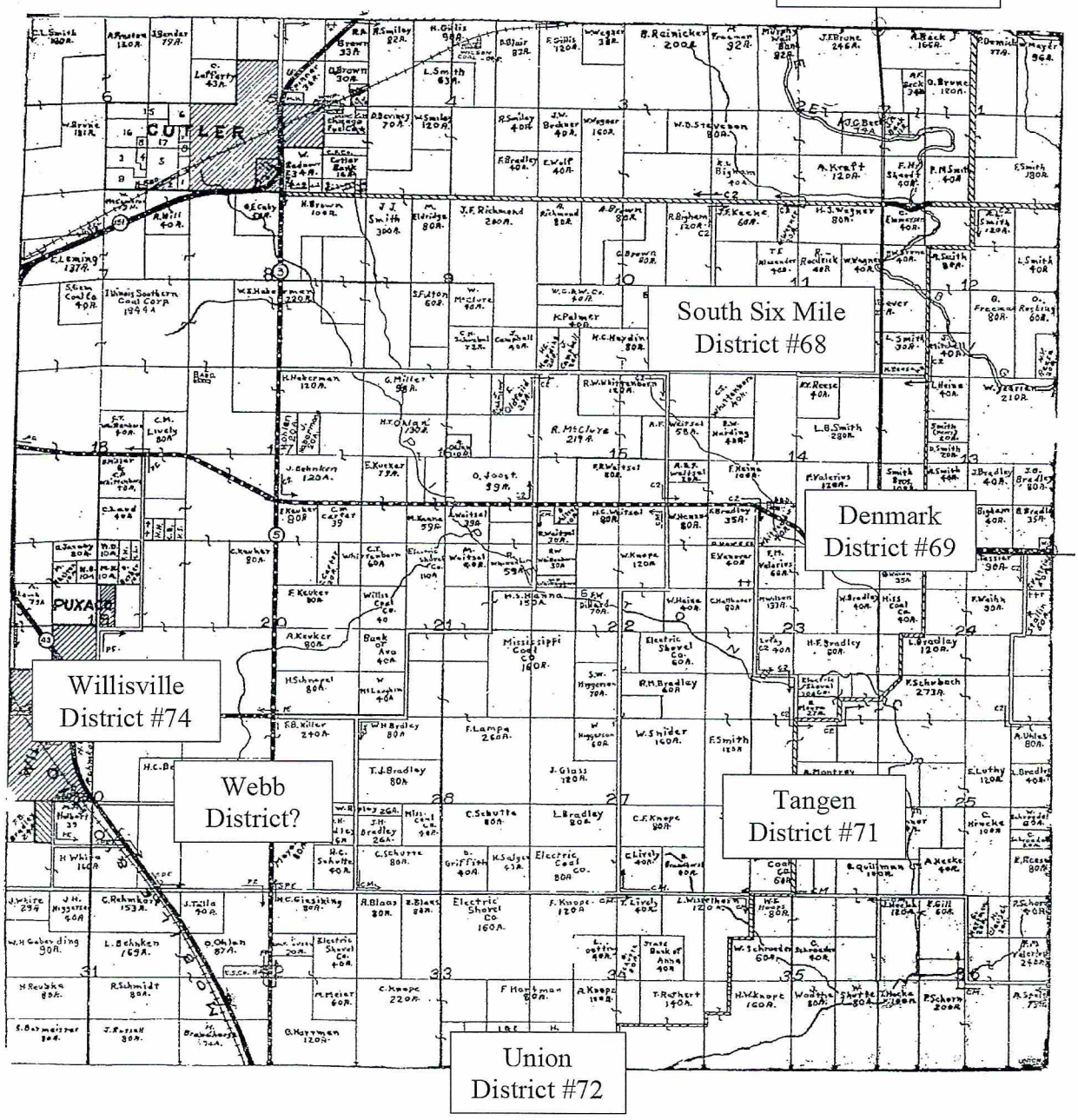
Township 6-2
36 Ozburn
37 Cudgetown
38 Slawson
39 Walker
40 Woodward

Township 6-3



Township 6-3
52 Kimzey
53 Bigham
54 Biards
55 Walkenhorst
56 Jenkins
80 Mathews

Township 6-4



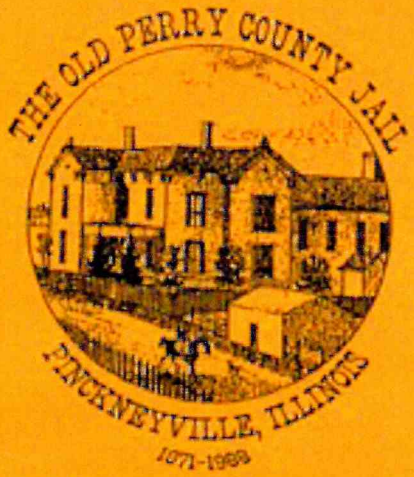
Township 6-4
68 South Six Mile
69 Denmark
70 Cutler E &HS
71 Tangen
72 Union
73 Willisville E & HS
? Webb

Members of the Historical Society enjoyed holding a monthly meeting at the restored one-room schoolhouse, known as Roots School. This was the beginning of a four-year journey to produce a book about Perry County's one-room schoolhouses.

Perry County

Jail Museum

108 West Jackson
Pinckneyville, Illinois



"Visit The Past....
....Enjoy The Present"

Perry County
Historical
Society

Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places

August 10, 2000